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16th January, 1947

CABINET

PALESTINE: FUTURE POLICY

Memorandum by the Secretary of State
for the Colonies

At the meeting of the Cabinet on 15th January, the Foreign Secretary advanced the proposal that we should adopt, as the basis of our future policy in Palestine, the plan for Provincial Autonomy amended in such a way that it points towards an independent unitary State and incorporates as much as possible of the Arab plan. As the Minister responsible for the administration of Palestine, I must submit that, after much inquiry and discussion, I cannot see any hope of a settlement on these lines. I realise, of course, that major issues of an international and strategic character are involved in the adoption of any solution of the Palestine problem and in this memorandum I am dealing mainly with the position as I see it from the point of view of the administration of that country, though I am not unmindful of these wider issues. For this purpose I think that it may be of use to my colleagues if I first refer to the three plans now before H.M.G. (the Foreign Secretary's proposal is a combination of two of these plans) and state my views regarding them.

2. The three plans are: our own plan for a system of Provincial Autonomy; the Arab plan for a unitary Palestinian State under Arab majority rule; and Partition.

Provincial Autonomy

3. My colleagues are familiar with the main features of the Provincial Autonomy scheme. This plan was put forward by my predecessor, was adopted by the Anglo-American experts, and was announced in Parliament by the Lord President as the basis for consultation with the Arabs and the Jews. It was, however, always realised that the primary requirement of the Provincial Autonomy plan was the willingness of the two communities to operate it and unfortunately both communities have already voiced their refusal to do so. Without such willingness the plan is a paper plan only. Its success depends on the co-operation of the two communities and such co-operation cannot, in existing circumstances, be achieved nor is it likely to be achieved for a long time to come. So long as the plan leaves the ultimate policy to be pursued in Palestine for future determination it will continue to be rejected by both parties; if that policy is declared in advance it will be rejected even more vehemently by one of them. The Arabs would take no part in Provincial Autonomy

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to be followed by Partition, the Jews would take none in Provincial Autonomy to be followed by a unitary State. It has become clear that the Jews will accept no solution which denies their claim to Statehood; moreover, the High Commissioner has pointed out the grave administrative difficulties inherent in the operation of the plan having regard to the present situation in Palestine. In view of the further fact that the Government of the United States has refused categorically to endorse it, I do not consider that it can any longer be regarded as a practical proposition.

The Arab Plan

4. The Arab plan visualises Palestine as a State under Arab majority rule, in the government of which the Jews would be represented in accordance with their numbers, i.e. one Jew to two Arabs. It is designed to give the Arabs full control both over the framing of the constitution and over any Government which may be constituted under it. It is practically a repetition of the plan embodied in the White Paper of 1939 but with additional restrictions on Jewish rights.

5. It has been argued, and not without force, that the Arab plan is founded on normal democratic principles since the will of the majority will prevail. It is also claimed that it is in conformity with the provisions of Article 76 of the Charter of the United Nations in that it spells progressive development towards self-government in accordance with the "freely expressed wishes of the people concerned", using the words as referring to the wishes of two-thirds of the population of Palestine.

6. On the other hand, while the plan can be defended in theory, there is not the slightest hope of its proving workable in practice. The Jews would not even be in a minority in Palestine in the sense in which a political party may be in a minority under an ordinary democratic system, with prospects of coming one day into power themselves and thus being in a position to implement their own policies. Future Jewish immigration, if any, being designated under the plan as a matter to be determined by the Arabs alone, the Jews would be condemned to the status of a permanent minority with no such possibility in view.

7. Not only does the plan incorporate every feature of the White Paper of 1939 to which the Jews then took exception, but it introduces new conditions equally repugnant to Jewish sentiment. These include the provisions that no immigrant arriving in Palestine shall have a vote until he has resided in the country for ten years and that the Jewish educational system shall be subjected to majority Arab control. It can be stated unhesitatingly that not even the most moderate Jew would be prepared to acquiesce for a moment in the state of affairs visualised in the plan. It would spell the cessation of immigration, the arrest of Jewish development in Palestine, and the permanent subjugation of the National Home, with its highly organised European population and its extensive commercial and industrial interests, to a backward Arab electorate, largely illiterate and avowedly inimical to its further progress.

8. While it might be possible to persuade the Arab States to agree to certain modifications of their plan, there is no

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prospect of their consenting to waive any of its three cardinal conditions, majority control of the Government of Palestine, Arab control of Jewish immigration, and the early withdrawal of mandatory supervision. These features will be resisted by the Jews with every resource which they possess. Were effect given to the Arab proposal that the plan should be enforced regardless of Jewish opposition, the inevitable result would be an organised revolt on the part of the latter, coupled with a refusal to recognise or to pay taxes (of which they contribute at least two-thirds) to the Government thus constituted. The position in Palestine would thereby be rendered far worse even than it is today since the administration and the Armed Forces would have to deal not only with terrorism but with the organised opposition of the whole Jewish population. Implementation of the further Arab proposal that, having put the plan into operation, H.M. Government should withdraw and declare Palestine independent whether the Jews co-operate or not, would mean abandoning the country to civil war, a war which would have wide repercussions as it would probably lead to a wave of persecution, directed against Jewish communities elsewhere throughout the Middle East.

9. In my opinion, the cost of enforcing this plan would be disorder and bloodshed on a scale which we could never contemplate. It would raise an issue of first-class importance with the United States where the Executive and Legislature would probably vie with one another in denunciation. There would also be adverse reactions in the Empire itself. It would moreover, in my view, be impossible for His Majesty's Ministers to defend the resulting position either in Parliament or in the country. It would mean a gross betrayal of the Jews if, after undertaking responsibility for the original establishment and subsequent safeguarding of the Jewish National Home, we were to hand them over to the mercy of the Arabs as subjects of a State, of which, in all probability, the Mufti would be the Head, with no power of interference from outside. The policy would be in diametrical conflict with the undertakings given by the Labour Party, prior to its assumption of power, regarding the development of the National Home.

The plan proposed by the Foreign Secretary

10. The plan proposed by the Foreign Secretary is a combination of the two plans which I have described and, in my opinion, has most of the disadvantages of both. He suggests an initial period of Provincial Autonomy. I have already given reasons why, after consultation with my advisers and with the High Commissioner, I do not believe this to be possible. I am circulating to my colleagues a note by the High Commissioner setting out the objections from the point of view of the Palestine Administration. Jewish refusal to operate the plan would be even more vehement were it modified as suggested so as to point to a unitary State and so as to incorporate any of the main features of the Arab proposals. Nor do I believe that a unitary State in Palestine is a practicable proposition. The gulf between the two communities has become too deep. Such a State must mean the subordination of the Jews to the Arabs, and the complete frustration of Jewish national aspirations; any attempt at such subordination would, I am convinced, bring about a situation in Palestine in which the Jews would have to be held in subjection by force and by force alone.

Partition

11. In my opinion, the only reasonable solution of the Palestine problem is that recommended by the Royal Commission of 1936, namely the partition of the country between the Arabs

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14. In short, I can see in Partition a hope of the solution of the Palestine difficulties; I can see none in any other plan. It is the solution most in harmony with the trend of public opinion and of the Press in this country and is that most likely to win United States support and the endorsement of the Labour Party. Otherwise, I regret that I can see little hope of order or of sound administration.

15. It seems quite certain that we can put no new policy into effect in Palestine without reference to the United Nations. Such a reference is necessary in strict law if either the Arab plan or Partition is to be adopted; in the case of provincial autonomy a reference might be obviated for a short time, but we should almost immediately be challenged to produce a trusteeship agreement in respect of the territory. It is, moreover, probable that even before this challenge one of the Arab States would appeal to the Security Council. It seems to me therefore that the problem before us is not what policy we shall immediately implement in Palestine, but what policy we shall recommend to the United Nations for implementation.

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17. On the resumption of the Conference we should, I suggest to my colleagues, attempt to explore with both parties all the various possibilities open, explain the difficulties which each presents and try to lead them in the direction of a reasonable scheme of Partition as the best and most equitable solution.

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No. British Workers

Sport Assoc'

to M. Bevin.

18 Dec 1947

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Palestine Situation, Pro Jewish.

Transmit copy of letter from Workers Sport
movement in Palestine, condemning British
Policy re Palestine. and asking all members
to protest against it. with a view to
stopping state of affairs.

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1. S of S.

2. Eastern Dept. for draft reply from S of S. please.

Please reply to General Secretary :- A. E. RICHARDS,
TRANSPORT HALL,
TAILORS COURT,
BROAD STREET,
BRISTOL, 1
18th, December, 1946.

The Right Honourable Mr. Ernest Bevin.
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
The Foreign Office.
LONDON.W.

I think C.O. on in a letter position to deal with this.

Dear Mr. Bevin,

I have been asked by my Executive Committee to send to you a copy of a letter which has been received from the Workers' Sports Movement in Palestine. This letter was originally sent to the provisional Secretary of the International Workers' Sports Association who is domiciled in Brussels.

My Executive offer no comment to the enclosed communication, but would esteem it a very great favour if you would be kind enough to provide them with some material whereby they can reply to the letter. You will appreciate that it would be impossible for us to do so without a lead from your goodself.

We trust you will be able to help us in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Richards

Hon: General Secretary

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COPY OF A LETTER (Translation) FROM MR. I. HERZ, delegate for
EUROPE for HAPOEL (PALESTINE WORKERS' SPORTS ASSOCIATION).

N.B. This letter was sent to the Provisional Secretary of the
International Workers' Sports Association in Brussels who
has transmitted copies to each country affiliated to the
International.

Dear Comrade,
I wish to put you in possession of a request made to
me by Hapoel (Palestine) to notify all our members.

It is a question of relating to you the facts of the
state of terror which is inflicted on Palestine at the present time
where the wrath of English Imperialism, directed by a Socialist
Government is in full blast against the Jewish institutions and
especially the Palestine Hapoel.

We think it necessary to write to you so that you may
inform all the organisations or workers which are affiliated to the
International and especially to the English Workers' Sports
Association, asking them to act upon their members so that all may
protest with us, and demand with us the stopping of this state of
affairs.

3,000 members of Hapoel in different parts of Palestine,
were arrested under pretext that they were terrorists, and interned
in concentration camps where they have been treated in a manner which
recalls in every respect that which was employed by the Nazis.

Flourishing collective colonies such as Yagourt, Ruchama
etc., were entirely destroyed; all the work built up with blood and
sweat and sacrifices over tens of years has been in a few minutes
destroyed by British troops.

All this has been done in spite of the fact that Great
Britain knows very well the friendly conduct of the Jewish proletariat
towards the original population, and its principal and single aim -
to bring into Palestine the greatest number of its brothers who are
still languishing in German concentration camps.

In a letter even with all the words we could use, we
could not describe the barbarous methods employed by the British
Military forces in Palestine, these same military forces in which
there were only yesterday 30,000 Palestinian Jewish soldiers, who
risked and often gave their lives on every front.

Perhaps it may be possible in one of the forthcoming
meetings of the International, to explain all this to the Workers'
Sports Organisations, and that the outside world should also be
informed of the facts.

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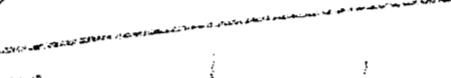
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Thank you for your letter of the 8th January enclosing a letter to Mr. Bevin from the General Secretary of the British Workers' Sports Association about the position in Palestine, which I return herewith. I suggest that Mr. Bevin might reply on the following lines.

I am sorry for the delay in replying to

With

P.F. KINNA, ESQ.

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With regard to detentions, the total number of Jews detained in Palestine on the 27th December on suspicion of complicity in terrorist acts was 390. During detention they suffer nothing beyond the deprivation of liberty and opportunity to organise the slaughter of British subjects." B

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Private Secretary.

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E. Richards Esq.,
Transport Hall,
Tailors Court,
Broad Street,
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It is completely untrue that flourishing collective settlements have been entirely destroyed. The settlement of Yagour, to which reference is made, sustained slight damage during a search in which a vast cache of illegal arms was discovered. All possible care is taken to eliminate unnecessary damage but some disturbance is inevitable when searches are directed to the discovery of cleverly concealed arsenals.

Yours sincerely,

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6. PALESTINE - FUTURE POLICY

(Previous Reference: C.O.S.(47) 9th Meeting, Minute 3)

THE COMMITTEE was informed that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had submitted a memorandum* to the Cabinet examining the three proposed solutions to the future form of Government for Palestine, namely, that of provincial autonomy, the Arab plan for a unitary Palestinian State, and Partition. The Secretary of State for the Colonies had set out the disadvantages attendant upon the adoption of the provincial autonomy and unitary State plan and had finally come down in favour of Partition as being the only reasonable solution to the Palestine problem. The basis of his favour for Partition was that it possessed an element of finality which was absent in the other two and that he doubted whether Partition would evoke such serious repercussions attendant upon the adoption of the others, nor would it of itself be likely to produce the repercussions sometimes foreshadowed. He had also stated that under Partition we may not get all the strategic advantages which the Chiefs of Staff required and he had argued that this was a possibility which in his opinion had to be faced and regarded as a price of escape from our existing embarrassments.

The Joint Planning Staff had therefore been invited to examine the substance of the memorandum by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the military implications of adopting the solution recommended by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. In particular, they had been asked to relate the military facilities that we were likely to acquire under this solution against those which the Chiefs of Staff

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'X' had submitted to His Majesty's Government, as being necessary to retain in the immediate future and as a long-term security.

There was general agreement that the Joint Planning Staff should review the memorandum by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on this basis.

THE COMMITTEE:-

Took note that the Joint Planning Staff had been invited to review the memorandum by the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the lines of 'X' above.

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References.	Paragraph 5 is rather alarming. We wanted to know what line the American delegation to the U.N. Assembly would be likely to adopt in discussion of <u>any</u> of the recent proposals. We did not want to commit them at this stage, when the mind of H.M.G. is not made up, to support of any particular plan.		
(Print.)	If the U.S. Govt. were to give an assurance of support for either of the two policies mentioned in para. 2 of this telegram (the second of which is far from clear), and if H.M.G. were then to announce entirely different proposals, I think the U.S. Govt. would have a grievance. They might also be more inclined than they would otherwise have been to reject the proposals to which they were not committed.		
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There is a further danger in asking for American agreement to partition at this stage. When Mr. Acheson uses the word "partition", he probably has in mind a frontier similar to that which has been suggested by the Zionists. If H.M.G. were to adopt the principle, their frontier would presumably be very different and would provoke an outcry from the American Zionists. This might place the Administration in an embarrassing position, if they had given us a blank cheque for "partition", and they might feel that we had deceived them.

I submit a draft.

H. Bealey 22/1

M. Dexter 23/1

I agree that this caution is desirable. I am afraid that the White House, too, not the State Dept., will be mainly moved by whether our plan admits of some prompt action towards allowing 100,000 immigrants into Palestine!

M. Butler 24/1

Tel. re-drafted by Sir R. Horne and sent.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Your telegram No. 528. 1368/99/23

Rather than to wait until General Marshall (who took office today) got into his stride, I put these points to Acheson.

2. He said that he felt sure that of all the proposals that had been made his Government would consider partition the "easiest" to put into effect and therefore the easiest to back. We could count upon it to support us in this and upon the vote of the United States Delegation in the Assembly. While his Government preferred partition as likely in the long run to be the solution holding the smallest promise of trouble, it would equally support a plan for a bi-national State "looking to eventual partition" if this State failed in its dual task of satisfying Jew and Arab alike.

3. The United States Government felt strongly that in the coming talks in London a solution on the basis of one or other of these plans should be found because failure would mean a prolongation of the present state of affairs which would be disastrous not only to Palestine but to the whole of the Middle East. The idea of the surrender of the Mandate did not seem to please him.

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5. I asked for something rather more categorical and reminded him that he had himself advised that you should secure a statement from Byrnes (see my telegram to you No.258 to United Kingdom Delegation New York of November 23rd, repeated to Foreign Office as Washington telegram No.6821). He replied that he could not go any further than this but he agreed to consult the President and Marshall at once. He confessed to ignorance of the General's views about Palestine.

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IMMEDIATE
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Your telegram No. 399 [of January 21st:
Palestine].

The indications of the American attitude which you were able to obtain from Acheson are most useful. I hope however that you will not press at this stage for the statement mentioned in your para. 5. We are going into the Palestine Conference ~~next~~ week with an open mind. As you know there are three proposals, viz., provincial autonomy, partition and the Arab plan for an independent unitary State. We hope to get more evidence on the two latter from the two parties, Arab and Jewish, who will be assembled here in London, and see if there is any possible measure of agreement to be found on any one or any combination of plans. It would therefore be embarrassing if having obtained an assurance of American support for certain proposals we were then to adopt an entirely different policy.

2. One aspect of the United States attitude towards the Palestine question about which I am very much concerned is American support of illegal immigration and other illegal activities. This encouragement must be

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

D. 12.25 p.m. 27th January, 1947

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H.M. Policy towards Palestine.

Refer W. 101 at 336 (E(21/46/31). Informant
 of Jewish Agency, states that Dr Silver
 will not himself be going to London at
 the present stage. Dr Neuman will be
 available in London for the purpose of
 informal talks, if they produce something
 concrete and open way for understanding.
 Dr Silver will proceed to London at once.

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Dr Neumann's job is presumably
 to obtain concessions for Dr Silver to
 come over and exploit. I suppose
 that we must resist the temptation
 to tell these people that either they
 are represented at the Conference
 or they are not, but I must confess
 that I find their kephole-peeping
 tactics very irritating.

Chadwick
 (Signed) E. D. A. Randall
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Dr Neumann took part in
 yesterday's discussions at the
 Colonial Office with the Jewish
 Agency.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel
No. 389
21st January, 1947

D. 3.05 p.m. 21st January, 1947
R. 8.15 p.m. 21st January, 1947

IMPORTANT

LIGHT

My telegram No. 336.

Head of Jewish Agency Office in Washington, who has just returned from a Zionist Executive meeting in New York, informs us that Dr. Silver will not (repeat not) himself be going to London at the present stage. The meeting unanimously approved of the holding of the informal talks and Dr. Silver's representative, Dr. Neumann, will be available in London for that purpose. If the informal talks produce "something concrete and open a way for understanding" Dr. Silver will be prepared to go to London at once.

2. We were asked to keep this decision extremely confidential and it is being withheld from the press in this country.

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Palestine Question.

Transmits copy of letter from A. Sachs to Embassy W. L. L. and gives Embassy reply. A. Sachs puts forward a proposal for the next step in the Palestine problem. Suggests that Messrs. Attlee, Bevin and French-Tones invite Dr. Weizmann & Silver and Ben Gurion through the F.O. for a private conference with a view to considering a programme for Jewish restoration in Palestine.

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HIS Majesty's Ambassador at Washington presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British Embassy

Washington, D. C.

.....16th January....., 1947..

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of letter from Sachs to Lord Inverchapel, Dec.28/46 and of reply January 15/47.	Plan for Palestine. <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;">E 785 28 JAN</div>

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Dear Mr. Sachs,

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Sachs, Esq.,
72 Wall Street,
New York 5, N.Y.

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ALEXANDER SACHS
72 Wall Street
New York 5, N.Y.

December 28, 1946

Dear Lord Inverchapel:

The unfortunate results of the Basle Congress have such serious repercussions on the problem which has engaged our attention since the summer that it may be of value to submit some reflections and to venture a suggestion regarding the irrepressible 'What now?'

In our conferences in mid-August and early November I tried to describe the profound sense of tragedy and frustration felt by the Jewish masses of this country - and hence their leaders - by reason of the failure of the Mandatory Power of Palestine to afford a significant earnest of a haven of rescue for the remnant that survived the destruction of the six millions of European Jewry during the war, for that remnant represents survivors who, in the most literal sense, are brands plucked from the burning crematoria that had engulfed families with which Jewry in America - be it of German or of East European origin - has direct kinship.

In the worrisome preoccupations of the short-of-peace sequel to military victory, the political leaders and officialdom of Great Britain have - however understandably - lost sight of the vital importance to Western and Palestinian Jewries of this problem of the displaced persons and of the urgency of the Palestinian solution. What is more, they appear to have averted their gaze from the historic fact that the martyrdom of European Jewry has from the start served as the shock absorber not just merely of Nazi persecution but of Nazi energies, and that the martyrdom of European Jewry was a vicarious sacrifice and service, in the manner of the Suffering Servant, for Britain, which led the Allied cause, and for America and the other Allies. This role, interestingly enough, was performed by Jewry up to the very last phase, when the deflection and dissipation of Nazi scarce material resources into the crematoria of Buchenwald and the rest served to prevent the Nazi war machinery from getting betimes into adequate production of the V-1, V-2 bombs of 1944-45. The prophecy in the

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fifty-third Isaiah has thus assumed a correlative human meaning in the portentous scale and poignant impact of that martyrdom, and so constitutes a major challenge to Britain and the rest of Christendom:

"He was despised and rejected of men ... as one from whom men hide their face he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows ... but he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: and the chastisement of our peace was upon him: and with his stripes we were healed."

It is against this continuously valid background that the Assembly at Basle must be seen and interpreted. Because the interlinked problems of the saved remnant of the displaced persons and the status of Palestine had not been dealt with and repeated promises were turned into embittered disappointments, someone had to be sacrificed. It was Dr. Weizmann, for he stood for trust in Britain. Had the "gesture" we had discussed in Washington on November 4 been made by British statesmanship, the final vote at Basle - judged by the very closeness of the division - would have been different and the Weizmann policy would have been upheld.

Though the leadership has passed into the hands of Dr. Silver and the other proponents of the Biltmore Program, the Labor Party in Palestine and Palestinian Jewry in general - judging by the editorials in the labor and liberal Hebrew dailies - stand behind the Weizmann policy, and, providing constructive measures are adopted in London, can be relied upon to check the new leaders from embarking upon intransigent policies. Accordingly, I submit the following suggestion:

Within the time of the preoccupation of Dr. Silver with constituting at Basle the new Council and Agency, it would be highly desirable and productive

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if an invitation were to go forth from the Foreign Office for a private conference between the chief British figures - to wit, Messrs. Attlee, Bevin and Creech-Jones - and the leading Zionist figures - namely, Dr. Weizmann, Dr. Silver and Mr. Ben Gurion - with a view to concerting a program for Jewish participation in the January conference in the light of assurances to be given as to sympathetic consideration by Britain of the Palestine Partition Scheme, which has apparently been conceded in principle in the exchange between Mr. Bevin and Secretary Byrnes, and which now more than ever calls for implementation with that liberality that characterized the British solution of the South African problem at the turn of the century.

Yours sincerely,

ALEXANDER SACHS

The Rt. Hon.
The Lord Inverchapel, P.C., G.C.M.G.,
The British Embassy,
Washington, D.C.

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Security Activities

11/1 Tipton Beamish, asked Tipton for War, whether the Officer and N.C.O.s who were flogged recently were armed at the time they were kidnapped, and whether all men on or off duty in Palestine are now either armed or under armed guard. in Bellegard. The answer to first part is the negative. The second part, order are now that all must carry arms except in certain areas. Where in the opinion of local commanders it is not necessary.

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- * 17. Major Tufton Beamish.—To ask the Secretary of State for War, whether the officer and non-commissioned officers who were flogged by Jewish terrorists were armed at the time they were kidnapped; and whether all men on or off duty in Palestine are now either armed or under armed guard. [Tuesday 21st January.]

Lewis

ANSWERED 21 JAN 1947
REPLY ATTACHED.

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Carrying of Arms,
Palestine

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Terrorist Activities (Rome Incident)

Refers Rome tel no 1918 (E12512/4/31) of Dec 29.
encloses copy of letter which the Hebrew Committee
of National Liberation have addressed to the
International Red X at Geneva requesting an
investigation by the Committee of the death
of Israel Epstein, a Palestinian citizen, who
was shot on Dec 26, attempting to escape from
an Italian Prison.

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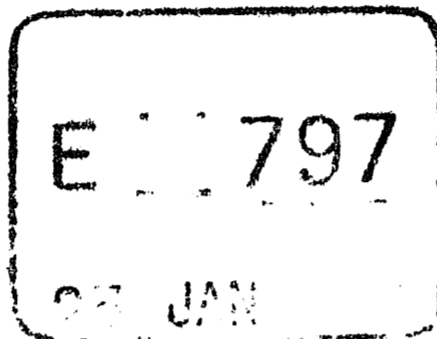
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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

15th January 1947.

Ref: G2/ /47

Dear Department,

Would you please refer to Rome telegram to the Foreign Office No. 1918 about the shooting of Israel Epstein who was arrested by the Italian police following the bombing of our Embassy in Rome.

We enclose herein a copy of a letter which we have received from the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation on this subject. The Chairman of this body is, as you know, Peter Bergson, and we are sending no reply to the letter.

Yours ever,

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Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL
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2315 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

The Right Honorable the Lord Inverchapel,
P.C., G.C.M.G.,
Ambassador of Great Britain,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I take the liberty of sending you here-
with a copy of a letter which I yesterday addressed
to the International Committee of the Red Cross
in Geneva, Switzerland, concerning the death in
Rome of Israel Epstein, a Palestinian citizen.
Should you deem it appropriate, I should be
grateful if you would make known to your Government
the Hebrew Committee's request to the International
Committee of the Red Cross.

With assurances of high regard and esteem
I am

Yours very truly,

FOWLER V. HARPER
Legal Adviser

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HEBREW COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

2315 Massachusetts Ave.
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International Committee of
the Red Cross,
Geneva, Switzerland.

Gentlemen:

The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation respectfully requests an investigation by the International Committee of the Red Cross of the death of Israel Epstein, a Palestinian citizen, who was shot on or about December 26, 1946, presumably while attempting to escape from an Italian prison to find sanctuary in the Vatican. Epstein, a Palestinian high school teacher, was in transit through Italy en route to visit his mother in Czechoslovakia. He was one of some dozen Palestinian citizens temporarily in Rome who was arrested on suspicion in connection with the bombing of the British Embassy in Rome. Advice from a representative of the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation in Rome indicates that the Chief of the Political Section of the Italian Police had officially exonerated Epstein of all complicity in the bombing. The Committee's information indicates that in spite of his established innocence, this Palestinian citizen was detained by the Italians on the insistent demands of the British authorities pending efforts to deport him to Palestine. A copy of a cablegram received from the Committee's representative concerning the circumstances of Epstein's death and his investigation thereof is enclosed.

The Hebrew Committee of National Liberation calls attention to the anomalous and helpless position of Palestinian citizens who are arrested as political prisoners in foreign countries. The only diplomatic agents to whom such citizens may appeal for protection are British. In the light of the present political situation in Palestine, it is clear that there is no

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appropriate body competent to investigate the death of a political prisoner other than the International Red Cross. For these reasons, therefore, the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation earnestly requests that your organization make such an investigation at the earliest possible moment. A copy of this request is being forwarded to the Italian Government, through the Italian Ambassador to the United States, and to the British Government through His Majesty's Ambassador in this country.

Yours very truly,

Fowler V. Harper
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EPSTEIN SHOT WHILE DESCENDING ROPE FROM PRISON WINDOW
SATURDAY TWENTYEIGHTH ONE AM STOP ATTEMPTED ESCAPE BECAUSE
INFORMED BY BOTTINO CHIEF POLITICAL SECTION ITALIAN POLICE
THAT DESPITE OFFICIAL REPORT AFFIRMING EPSTEINS INNOCENCE
ALL CHARGES AND SUSPICIONS BRITISH PLANNED DEPORT HIM
PALESTINE BETWEEN TWENTYTHIRD AND FIRST JANUARY STOP BOTTINO
LIKewise INFORMED OUR LAWYERS INABILITY LIBERATE EPSTEIN DUE
BRITISH REQUEST DELAY PENDING CONSIDERATION HIS REPORT LONDON
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ON LEARNING THESE FACTS I SUBMITTED LEAGUES PROTEST TO
ADMIRAL STONE CHIEF ALLIED COMMISSIONER BRITISH AMBASSADOR
AND AMERICAN BRITISH COMMANDING GENERALS STOP STONE ASSURED
ME BRITISH MILITARY DENIED MAKING REQUEST AND UPHELD MY CLAIMS
BRITISH LACKED AUTHORITY FOR SUCH REQUEST IN VIEW EPSTEINS
INNOCENCE TOP BUT NO ASSURANCES REGARDING ACTION BRITISH CIVIL
AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES SIGNIFICANTLY NO REPLY FROM
BRITISH AMBASSADOR

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CONFERENCE WITH STONE FRIDAY SEVENTEEN OCLOCK STOP
UNABLE INFORM EPSTEIN RESULTS STOP THAT NIGHT DESPERATE
APPROACHING DEADLINE EPSTEIN ATTEMPTED FLIGHT TO VATICAN
SANCTUARY STOP IN MEMORIAL SERVICES GRAND SYNAGOGUE YESTERDAY
CHIEF RABBI PRATO TRULY STATED QUOTE EPSTEIN DID NOT SEEK TO
ESCAPE JUSTICE STOP HE TRIED ESCAPE THE SAME INJUSTICE THAT
HAD BEEN METED OUT TO THOUSANDS OF HEROES IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR SURVIVAL AND LIBERATION OF HEBREW PEOPLE UNQUOTE

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C.O.S.(47) 13th Meeting

CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting held on MONDAY,
20TH JANUARY 1947 at 4.0 p.m.

P R E S E N T

Vice Admiral Sir Rhoderick R. McGrigor,
Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.
(In the Chair)

Air Marshal Sir William Dickson, Major General A.D. Ward,
Vice Chief of the Air Staff Representing the Vice Chief
of the Imperial General
Staff.

SECRETARIAT

Group Captain D.C. Stapleton
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Major H. J. L. Green

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Mr. Howard
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THE COMMITTEE:-

Agreed with the recommendations of the Joint Planning Staff that no further **military comments** could be added on the problem of future policy for Palestine at this stage.

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British Embassy

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14 Jan 1947

24 Jan 1947

Terrestrial Activities (Posters)

Reports that 2 men BERNARDO WEVERMAN
and BERTHOLD STURN were arrested for
being in possession of anti-British posters, copies
of which had been posted on the walls of
the building housing the Consular Section, only
available copy of poster is enclosed.
Posters were signed "IRGUN ZVAI LEVINI"

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14th January, 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that in the early hours of the 3rd-4th January a number of sheets of an anti-British poster, clearly of Jewish origin, were posted on the walls of the building in which the Consular Section of this Mission is housed. A copy -- the only one available -- of this poster is enclosed, herewith. From this it will be seen that the heading: "English Brutality in Palestine. The 'democratic' British Government beats those who are struggling for Liberty", is followed by two drawings, one depicting a British soldier, with a Swastika on his arm and a Union Jack depicted on the pocket of his shirt, with an upraised truncheon in his hand, about to beat a man who has his hands tied behind his back and the Cross of David on his sleeve, and the companion drawing showing the rôles reversed.

2. Almost immediately the police arrested two men named Bernardo Weverman, a minor of 16 years of age and of Uruguayan nationality, and Berthold Sturn, a German of 21 years of age, who were found with copies of the poster in their possession. On being taken to Police headquarters and questioned they eventually stated that a man who was unknown to them and whom they could not describe accurately had paid them to affix these posters.

3. From enquiries which have been instituted by the police it seems probable that both Weverman and Sturn are members of a Jewish Youth Organisation in Uruguay, and that this Organisation is connected with the "Ort Osten", ostensibly an industrial school with night classes for technical studies but in reality, so it is believed, a Jewish political organisation. In September last when anti-British posters likewise appeared on the walls of houses in this City the two men who were then arrested by the police were members of "Ort Osten" and on that occasion made an almost identical statement as to the manner in which they had received the posters. In each case the posters were signed "Irgun Zvai Leumi".

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,
Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant.

The Right Honourable
Clement Attlee, M.P.,
etc., etc., etc.,
FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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El Gobierno Ingles "democratico" azota a LUCHADORES

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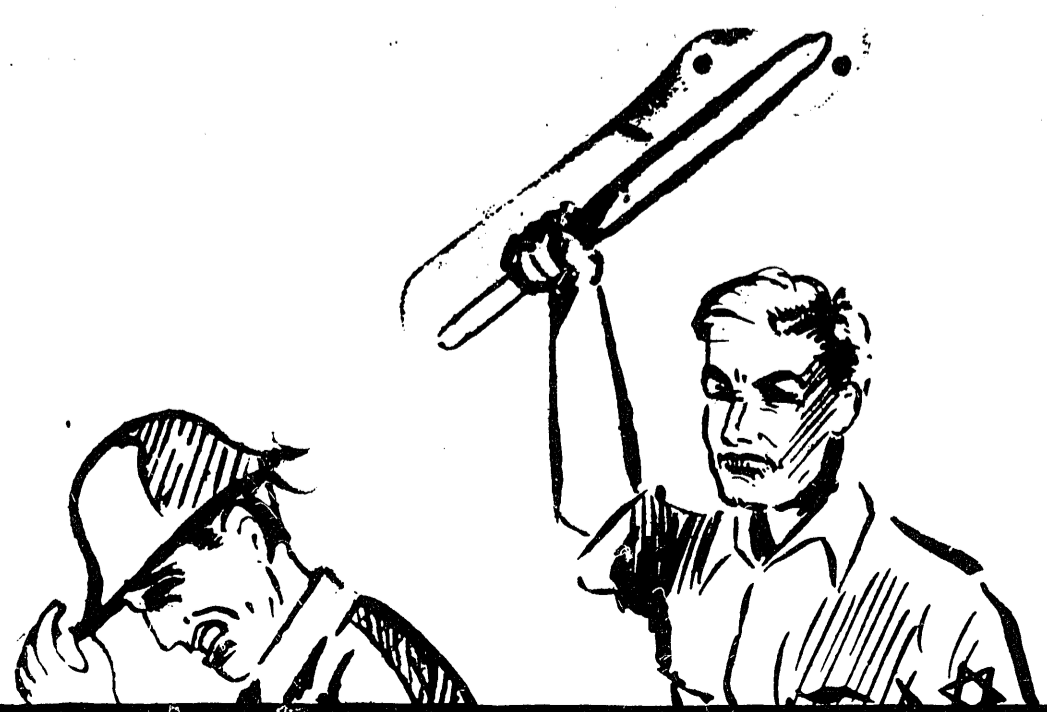
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El "imperialismo" recibido en su columna vertebral la contestante de los luchadores de libertad e independencia.

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El imperialismo esclavizador, ha recibido en su carcomida columna vertebral la contestación digna y valiente de los luchadores por la libertad e independencia de Palestina.

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Anti-Semitic Propaganda.

M Piratin. Asked Prof P. White, in view of
coverage of organised Anti-Semitic activities
he will now give further consideration to the
introduction of legislation to forbid propaganda
and activity of an organised and anti-racial
nature. M Bde. Persons responsible for recent
offences appear to have broken the law. It is not
therefore a question of creating a new offence
but of catching the offenders.

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Parliamentary Question

*106. Mr. Piratin.—To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether, in view of the increase of organised anti-Semitic activities, he will now give further consideration to the introduction of legislation to forbid propaganda and activity of an organised and anti-racial nature. [Thursday 23rd January.]

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ANSWERED 23 JAN 1947
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82. Mr. Piratin asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether in view of the increase of organised anti-Semitic activities, he will now give further consideration to the introduction of legislation to forbid propaganda and activity of an organised and anti-racial nature.

Mr. Ede: The persons responsible for the recent anti-Semitic activities which I assume the hon. Member has in mind, appear to have broken the existing law. It is not, therefore, a question of creating a new offence, but of catching the offenders. Vigorous efforts to do this are being made and in some cases have already been successful.

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Appeals on behalf of DOV GRUNER.
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 Considerable interest has been aroused in the
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 arranged for 28 Jan. Both Embassy and State
 Dept are receiving number of telegrams urging
 clemency. Why file whether he exercise his
 prerogative of clemency or not, in order to reply
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My telegram No. 8.

Considerable interest has been aroused in the United States over the case of Gruner whose execution is stated in the United States press to be likely to take place tomorrow January 28th and we (and State Department) are receiving a number of telegrams urging clemency for him. His execution will undoubtedly cause an outcry among Zionists and their sympathisers.

2. I should be glad if you would inform me urgently whether or not you exercise your prerogative of clemency in order that I may be in a position to reply to these correspondents.

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THE AIMS OF THE IRGUN

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The aims of the Irgun are the eternal aims of the People of Israel:- Return to Zion, National freedom and independence, Freedom and Happiness of the individual, Social justice.

RETURN TO ZION.

Ever since the people went into exile and till this very day, every Jew's heart has been imbued with the fervent striving to return to the Homeland from the blood-stained wanderings among the Gentiles, who are rising to exterminate us in the life-time of every generation. This striving has been taking varying forms until, in recent generations, under the two-fold influence of Jewish tradition and of national-political currents among the nations, it took the form of a National Movement. Then again, in our own life-time when it became evident that the means of action used by the Jewish National Movement would not achieve the purpose but, on the contrary, were liable to perpetuate the dispersion, there emerged the fighting - but truly fighting - Jewish Liberation Movement, bent on attaining the national aim in the same way done by all liberation movements known in history.

Return to Zion means:- Concentration of the People's masses in the Homeland; the concentration of millions; the concentration of the absolute majority of the People in its own country, which would put an end to the unnatural dispersion of the People of Israel.

NATIONAL FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.

Return to Zion cannot be the sole aim of the People. There were and are peoples who live on their own soil but are enslaved by foreign nations. Such is not the objective the Irgun is striving at.

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Return to Zion must be accomplished by the achievement of national freedom and political independence. And national freedom can have one expression only:- a State, unfettered in its sovereignty by any outward bond and only restricted by a wise construction and by rules of international relationship - a State on the historical territory of the Nation.

The founders of the Irgun laid it down, from the very outset, that the achievement of political independence is not merely to complete the return to Zion, but, moreover, to serve as essential preliminary for this return which it ought to precede. Experience has proved how farsighted they were and how they forestalled all the other factors in the nation in appraising the situation and estimating future developments. This is what they had said:- "The gathering of the diaspora into the Land of Israel cannot be effected on a million scale, unless it is preceded by the establishment of Hebrew Rule over Eretz-Israel; any "Zionist" method, which might profess to execute this plan without preliminary establishment of Hebrew Rule, is a deceptive one." True, even under the present conditions, no other single effort should be abandoned, if it serves to bring to the Homeland, by one way or the other, the largest possible number of its home-coming sons; but, both from the historical and the practical viewpoint, return to Zion is impossible without rule over Zion. The direct and central aim of the Irgun must, therefore, be defined as follows:- the creation of Hebrew Rule in the Homeland, that rule which alone can attain and accomplish the process of repatriation and re-establishment in the country of our fore-fathers.

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FREEDOM AND HAPPINESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

The liberation of the country from foreign yoke, the establishment of Hebrew Rule, the revival of the independent Hebrew State with millions of Jewish citizens - this is the primary condition for rescuing the People from spiritual decline and physical extermination, and for securing its normal existence. This is why the form of government in the Hebrew State is not regarded by the Irgun as problem of decisive importance. A bad regime in a Hebrew State is preferable to the "Very best" regime under foreign domination. But, whereas it is the Irgun which is realising the People's aims and expressing its will; whereas the soldiers of the Irgun are the ones who are prepared at any moment to give the supreme sacrifice - the sacrifice of life - for the achievement of the aim, - it is their right, moreover - their duty - to strive that the Hebrew State, the fruit of their toil, the fruit of their fight, the fruit of their blood, should be a free state, which would secure for every individual full civil rights:- the Freedom of thought and speech, Security from persecution, freedom of enjoying the fruits of one's labour, safety of home and family and participation in the election of representative institutions (Local and Regional Councils, Houses of Legislature and Central Government), full equality before Law and Court, freedom of criticizing authority, the possibility to appoint fitting representatives instead of those who prove unsuitable, - in short:- the personal happiness of the individual in the framework of an organised, progressive and happy society. But there is no happiness in a state which is based on tyrants' rule, be it that of one man or of a sectional group, who by some or other way might have obtained the power. In such a state, the citizen either becomes a cringing coward, or a hunted beast. Such a state is destined to undergo periodical and heavy shocks, which may

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even lead to its ruin. Such is not the kind of state we are striving at. We want a state, where in every single citizen will be proud and free, where the elected rulers will consider themselves not as "higher beings," but as servants of society and seekers of its benefit. We want a state, wherein high civilisation could flourish, where creative thought would develop in political, social and economic fields; a state which would realise the prophet's saying:- "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem".

SOCIAL JUSTICE.

What is the essence of social justice, what should be appearance of an accomplished society or of an ideal society? On this opinions differ.

There was a time when the idea of social justice was identified with the idea of absolute economic equality. This was so in the days when absolute inequality was prevailing in the countries of Europe. In those days the fate of a man and his station in life were not determined by his abilities, prowess, labour and so forth, but by his level of origin, or by his race, or by his religious belief and the like. The philosophers of that period - or those who were directly influenced by that period - were dreaming of a society where no distinction would be made between man and man. Thus according to the cliches devised by them every man should receive the same housing, the same ration of food, the same clothes, the same ration pleasure, etc. On the basis of this ideal the kiboutzim and kvoutzot were established in Eretz Israel. But their experience, even if considered a success, still cannot be taken as a general rule. In the communal settlements there is a limited society, which lives a uniform way of (rural) life; while the society in

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a state counts millions of people, who are not bound together by personal relationship, who engage in different economic professions and differ in the main walk of life: rural, on one hand, and urban on the other.

This idea gained an interesting development in Russia. In the first years following the October Revolution, the experiment was made there to enforce unlimited economic equality; subsequently however, the Soviet State, introduced considerable distinction in the grades of salaries and living standards. Distinctions arising from the position and from the quality and productivity of individual work, and the slogan "Absolute equality" ('Ouravnilovka' in Russian) became "Contre revolutionary propaganda. The rulers of Soviet Russia today consider this slogan as contrary to the ideas of "scientific socialism" (which repudiates the thesis of "utopist socialism") and they are furiously persecuting the followers of that principle.

But whether we accept the opinion that absolute economic equality is possible and desirable and whether we take the view that such equality is unattainable or liable to produce stagnation - still the following two principles remain above any discussion from the viewpoint of social justice. The one principle is legal and political equality: absolute equality before the institutions of the State, absolute equality in achieving a station in life, or, in other words: the equality of opportunity, the chance of obtaining education, the opportunity of displaying personal ability, of rising the standard of living. This equality must prevail unrestrictedly and unconditionally. This is the meaning of Social Democracy which implies that every man should be honoured by all and by everybody and by himself as every individual will be given the full chance

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to develop his abilities and to secure his place in society.

The second principle is: to abolish poverty. An accomplished society is bound in duty to abolish poverty, in particular degrading poverty, that kind of poverty which does not enable the man to live as man should, a man of cultured necessities and of creative soul; for as the saying goes "not on bread alone shall men live".

Hence the conclusion that a progressive state must safeguard to all its citizens without exception those conditions of existence which are necessary in order to enable every one to freely develop according to his own abilities, initiative and energy. Sufficient food, clothing adequate living space, elementary school, medical care are the minimum requirements which organised society - namely the State - is obliged to secure for every man and woman. To secure does not mean to give away without the counter value of productive work, whether physical or mental, on part of the individual. For, should this be a grant without any return myriads and perhaps hundreds of thousands of people would be found who would content themselves with the minimum required for subsistence and would prefer to be idle rather than to make the effort to acquire more for themselves and for future generations. Even today there are such people and they are a minority of society - who are living an idle life because they possess enough or too much. But this is a life of parasites, and every man of self-respect ought to despise them. Life demands progress; and progress is impossible without effort and labour, both mental and manual.

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THE WAYS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

In the life-time of the last two generations, two attempts were made to restore Eretz Israel to the Hebrew People, with the view of restoring the Hebrew people to Eretz Israel. One attempt was made by way of so-called "practical work", namely, by private or collective land purchases, by erection of towns, colonies, communal settlements, etc. This endeavour, while fruitful in itself, came to a result such as is invariably destined for similar ventures in the conditions of a hostile foreign regime: to the creation of a magnificent enterprise indeed, but one which may be paralysed or destroyed at any time, - the same as those magnificent enterprises, which the Jews established all over the outside world, only to be wrecked by any stray wind. It is clear today that under the actual political conditions all further growth has become impossible. There is no scope for settlement except confinement in the borders of the ghetto, such as the British oppressors had circumscribed by their "laws" even before they cordoned it off by their barbed wire. The fate which is in store for a ghetto in Eretz Israel is easy to anticipate, if one recalls the history of Jewish ghettos in all other countries and at all times.

The second attempt was an effort to conduct the Jewish struggle by means of moral-political argument, in the hope thus to effect a fundamental change in Eretz Israel and enable, in a relatively short time, to settle the country and turn it into a Hebrew State. It is evident now that this attempt has failed, too. The British are ignoring moral considerations; they have firmly decided to appropriate the country for themselves, under the pretext of doing "justice" to the Arabs, and therefore any attempt at "persuasion" is in advance doomed to remain sterile.

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Hence the conclusion:- There is no other way to free our Homeland and redeem our Nation except the way of the Liberation War. A national Liberation War is a just war, which is conducted by an oppressed people against a foreign Power that has enslaved it and its country. And whereas the foreign Power is occupying the conquered country by the sheer force of its arms - for otherwise it would have been expelled overnight - it is unavoidable that the Liberation war should become a war by arms, a war by force of weapons, the weapons of freedom against those of enslavement. The Force, which the oppressed people sets up to wage war against the oppressor, is called the Liberation Army. The "Irgun" is the Liberation Army of the Hebrew Nation.

But the Liberation War - like any other war in modern times - is not conducted by military arms alone and is not limited to a physical contest between the forces of oppression and those of liberation. The Liberation War embraces many fields, and the Liberation Army employs manifold weapons. Such is the command of reality in an age where every war, between big and small nations alike, requires the use not only of troops, but also other means of attack or defence : political, economic, , propagandist, etc. This is also the great chance of the Liberation War, because only seldom may the Liberation Army of an enslaved people overcome by physical force the occupation armies of the oppressory Power;- but with the aid of an ally, whether one who helps from the outset or one who steps in at the moment of the decisive clash, even the Liberation Army may beat the enemy and wrest from his hands the rule over the country. There are many examples in history to prove that an independent Liberation War, accomplished by political action aimed at achieving an ally, is resulting in victory for the Army of Liberation. Thus victory was gained by our Maccabees; thus the Italians defeated the

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Austrians in the 19th century; thus the Balkan peoples overcame the Turks in that same century; thus also, in the Second World War, did the European Underground Armies hasten the victory of their peoples and secure for them the fruits of victory.

The history of Liberation Movements shows that there are two more possibilities to gain victory. One of them occurs when, under certain political circumstances, internal or external (that is, by force of a given political constellation), the enemy finds himself compelled to accede in the abandonment of his rule over the oppressed and fighting country, and therefor enters into negotiations with the national representative body of the fighting people with the view to establish a national regime; the other possibility arises when, under another political constellation, namely, in the event of war between the occupying Power and other Power or Powers - the enemy's military might desintegrates, thus rendering the opportunity for a well-poised Liberation Army to "strike", to dislodge the foreign rule, to set up a national regime and secure its existence against outward aggression, and to pave the way for sovereign institutions to be established by free elections of the people. The first example was provided by Ireland in the twenties of this century; the second possibility was exemplified by Poland, Czechoslovakia and the Baltic States at the end of the First World War.

All these possibilities may be summed up in one term: the opportune hour. To exploit the opportune hour is the primary duty of the Liberation Army, and although such action also depends on subjective factors - namely, on the wisdom of decision of a courageous leadership, and on the readiness to sacrifice and preparedness for battle of the fight-

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ing forces - still, from the objective viewpoint it is bound to three preliminary conditions:

- 1) A continuous liberation war;
- 2) Incessant preparations for the decisive moment;
- 3) Political action, which should have two objectives:-
 - a) to lift the problem, which is contested by the Liberation War, above local limits and to turn it into a world problem, into an international issue;
 - b) to win over political factors - mainly sovereign Governments - as allies of the Army of Liberation.

By observing these three preliminary conditions, which are essential for the proper use of the opportune hour that carries freedom to every oppressed and fighting nation, - we arrive at the full clarification of the essence of the Liberation War. The Liberation Army is an Army of Volunteers, who impose their duties upon themselves, and not an army of compulsory recruits, whose duties are forced upon them by others; the main tasks of the Liberation Army are military ones; its duty is to strike at the enemy by modern weapons; its aim - to shatter and destroy the foreign rule and replace it by the rule of the Nation in its country; its aspiration - to become, on the Day of Redemption, the Army of Defence for the Homeland, to guard its frontiers, its independence, its integrity and development. Such an Army, fighting for the freedom of the Homeland and ready to defend it even at the price of life, is the one thing needed by the Hebrew people more than anything else. For without army there is no nation, no homeland, no honour. Without an army every people - even a great one - becomes what our own people

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has been: a victim of massacres and pogroms during two thousand years. Parties, institutions, political movements - all these the Hebrew People did possess in abundance; the one thing it did not have, one which it needs like air to breathe - is an Army. This was understood by the founders of the "Irgun", and therefore they did not establish a political-revolutionary group nor a defence organisation nor a new "movement" - but an Army. The first Hebrew Army, with its commanders and soldiers, its objectives and internal regime, - after two thousand years of Exile.

And still there exists a difference between our Army, which fights to free the Homeland, and a regular Army. The main difference is in the name itself. We are an army, but not only an army. We are an army of Liberation. And an Army of Liberation differs from a regular army not merely by the way of recruitment (volunteering instead of compulsory draft), and not merely by its way of life (underground and necessary secrecy instead of open appearance) and not only by the kind of discipline (discipline by inner conscience as against discipline based on physical coercion); the Liberation Army differs from a regular army, first and foremost, in respect of the political function of the war. While a regular army in an established state - unless its regime is founded on military dictatorship which is as bad and ephemeral as any dictatorship - is leaving, can and must leave the political decision in the hands of its Government, the Liberation Army cannot and ought not waive the creative political thought and independent political action, which has the purpose of obtaining support, intensifying the war and accelerating victory. The political thought and action must accompany the military operations, must follow the Army of Liberation and pave before it the road to increased power and its use at the

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The Hon. Ernest Bevin
Foreign Minister of Great Britain
Foreign Office
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Dear Mr. Bevin:

Enclosed please find a leaflet containing a study of the Palestine problem from an angle that may interest you.

The soil of Palestine had been in the possession of Jewry and holy to them 1600 years before it became holy to Christianity and 1900 years before it became similarly sacred to the Islam. These faiths established their holy centers in Rome and Mecca respectively. No other civilized people suffered so much as did the Jews at the hands of the Romans, Christians and Moslems after the former were deprived of their own country and government. Anti-Semitism in form of despotic forces, political and economic hate, roguery and greedy covetousness, infamy and indifference frustrated every effort to restore the Jewish Homeland in Palestine since then.

Now, during the twentieth century, in which most nations of earth consider themselves as highly civilized and cultured, two great wars had to be fought and won against false doctrine and bestial madness, under a terrible loss of many millions killed or crippled--once healthy and merry boys. Great parts of the civil population of the overpowered nations were forced to work as slave labour and were deprived of their property and livelihood. Meanwhile the children, women, men and aged of Jewish faith were driven into concentration-camps and death-chambers like animals, humiliated, starved, tortured and treacherously murdered with the diabolic intention to exterminate all Jewry.

After that slaughter of a civil population of 6 million Jews and the displacement of another 4 million from their "Lebensraum," all men of good will in government, Parliament, church, organization and independent persons all over the world feel that something should be done to heal and to correct the misdeeds. The world's conscience answers immediately: Give back to the Jewish people a land where they can live their lives in peace, their homeland--Palestine. However the 2000 year old devil, Anti-Semitism, says: No! For peace on earth is abhorrent to him and his worshipers. For all that, there must be found a way of mutual tolerance. What happens to the Jews today may happen to any nation--tomorrow.

The political differences among English, Jews and Arabs could be settled by a friendly helping hand, as for instance the United States of America and its authority, and by the instant reinstatement of Palestine as an "Independent Free Jewish State" with a strong, democratic constitution, guaranteed as a sort of Oriental Free Switzerland by the responsible political and civilized world and as an equivalent for 2500 years of suffering by periodical bloody persecutions and atrocious injustices.

The technological constructions of the enclosed project--if taken in consideration by the English Government would serve well to rebuild and strengthen

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the lifeline of the Empire. First of all, the Palestine Canal would replace the Suez Canal in importance and accomplishment, and the use of both in a combination would complete and improve the sea route between the Orient and the Occident.

England did not design and build the Suez Canal and it would not need to construct the Palestine Canal and the Transjordan Canal. The Palestine Jews as a nation in cooperation with the English Government and with the Arab neighbor states would finance and construct the navigable canals, the express-railroads, highways and landing fields along the banks of the canals, the hydro-power plants, irrigation and aqueduct systems.

Every restriction of immigration for Jews, impelled from Europe or elsewhere, wishing to live again and forever in the land of their ancestors, has to be abolished immediately, and everybody--Jews and Moslems alike--would have a chance to be employed at the construction works as contractor or worker.

No Arab state or league could think to be set aside by that Palestine construction, for this is less than 0.05 percent of the Middle East construction, which has to be done from Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia to East Africa of the Nile, to turn all their deserts into healthy residential and productive regions. Suitable canal constructions for navigation and for evaporation basins, as I proposed for these areas, would yield, approximately, at the Aqaba Gulf 3 million H.P., at the Suez Gulf 5 million H.P., at the Persian Gulf 150 million H.P., and at the Red Sea 2,000 million H.P. hydro electric energy. Furthermore, in and near the torrid zone around the earth, by application of these or similar technological constructions which I have proposed for general utilization of the available immense quantity of solar energy, many more huge hydro-electric power plants below sea level may be built, and many billions and trillions KW of electric current produced and consumed by future generations to their ever growing prosperity.

These many great projects, to unlock and to manage well the resources of energy on earth, could be made a foundation to keep peace among all nations in behalf of the progress and necessities of mankind. It would open the possibility to industry, commerce, export, contractor and labor in every productive or populous nation of both hemispheres and for each system of state, to increase their production or enterprises.

Useful work and adequate nourishment makes everybody happy, in poor as well as in rich countries.

To avoid new entanglements among the United Nations, the outline of a construction plan, its mutual benefits for all nations, the rules and enforcements against breach of peace should be ordered and published. The worthiest and most capable of the nations should be entrusted with the inspiring direction to start and proceed with the construction works gradually at every suitable part in or near the torrid zone, for the sake of the suffering and unfortunate people and nations.

Most nations, large and small, seek friendship and pecuniary help from the Government of the U.S.A. Let them have it the "Universal American Way."

Should you feel moved to comment on these far-reaching possibilities outlined above, I should be very glad to receive your views.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosed please find a leaflet containing a study of the Palestine problem from an angle that may interest you.

The soil of Palestine had been in the possession of Jewry and holy to them 1600 years before it became holy to Christianity and 1900 years before it became similarly sacred to the Islam. These faiths established their holy centers in Rome and Mecca respectively. No other civilized people suffered so much as did the Jews at the hands of the Romans, Christians and Moslems after the former were deprived of their own country and government. Anti-Semitism in form of despotic forces, political and economic hate, roguery and greedy covetousness, infamy and indifference frustrated every effort to restore the Jewish Homeland in Palestine since then.

Now, during the twentieth century, in which most nations of earth consider themselves as highly civilized and cultured, two great wars had to be fought and won against false doctrine and bestial madness, under a terrible loss of many millions killed or crippled--once healthy and merry boys. Great parts of the civil population of the overpowered nations were forced to work as slave labour and were deprived of their property and livelihood. Meanwhile the children, women, men and aged of Jewish faith were driven into concentration-camps and death-chambers like animals, humiliated, starved, tortured and treacherously murdered with the diabolic intention to exterminate all Jewry.

After that slaughter of a civil population of 6 million Jews and the displacement of another 4 million from their "Lebensraum," all men of good will in government, Parliament, church, organization and independent persons all over the world feel that something should be done to heal and to correct the misdeeds. The world's conscience answers immediately: Give back to the Jewish people a land where they can live their lives in peace, their homeland--Palestine. However the 2000 year old devil, Anti-Semitism, says: No! For peace on earth is abhorrent to him and his worshipers. For all that, there must be found a way of mutual tolerance. What happens to the Jews today may happen to any nation--tomorrow.

The political differences among English, Jews and Arabs could be settled by a friendly helping hand, as for instance the United States of America and its authority, and by the instant reinstatement of Palestine as an "Independent Free Jewish State" with a strong, democratic constitution, guaranteed as a sort of Oriental Free Switzerland by the responsible political and civilized world and as an equivalent for 2500 years of suffering by periodical bloody persecutions and atrocious injustices.

The technological constructions of the enclosed project--if taken in consideration by the English Government would serve well to rebuild and strengthen

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the lifeline of the Empire. First of all, the Palestine Canal would replace the Suez Canal in importance and accomplishment, and the use of both in a combination would complete and improve the sea route between the Orient and the Occident.

England did not design and build the Suez Canal and it would not need to construct the Palestine Canal and the Transjordan Canal. The Palestine Jews as a nation in cooperation with the English Government and with the Arab neighbor states would finance and construct the navigable canals, the express-railroads, highways and landing fields along the banks of the canals, the hydro-power plants, irrigation and aqueduct systems.

Every restriction of immigration for Jews, impelled from Europe or elsewhere, wishing to live again and forever in the land of their ancestors, has to be abolished immediately, and everybody--Jews and Moslems alike--would have a chance to be employed at the construction works as contractor or worker.

No Arab state or league could think to be set aside by that Palestine construction, for this is less than 0.05 percent of the Middle East construction, which has to be done from Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia to East Africa of the Nile, to turn all their deserts into healthy residential and productive regions. Suitable canal constructions for navigation and for evaporation basins, as I proposed for these areas, would yield, approximately, at the Aqaba Gulf 3 million H.P., at the Suez Gulf 5 million H.P., at the Persian Gulf 150 million H.P., and at the Red Sea 2,000 million H.P. hydro electric energy. Furthermore, in and near the torrid zone around the earth, by application of these or similar technological constructions which I have proposed for general utilization of the available immense quantity of solar energy, many more huge hydro-electric power plants below sea level may be built, and many billions and trillions KW of electric current produced and consumed by future generations to their ever growing prosperity.

These many great projects, to unlock and to manage well the resources of energy on earth, could be made a foundation to keep peace among all nations in behalf of the progress and necessities of mankind. It would open the possibility to industry, commerce, export, contractor and labor in every productive or populous nation of both hemispheres and for each system of state, to increase their production or enterprises.

Useful work and adequate nourishment makes everybody happy, in poor as well as in rich countries.

To avoid new entanglements among the United Nations, the outline of a construction plan, its mutual benefits for all nations, the rules and enforcements against breach of peace should be ordered and published. The worthiest and most capable of the nations should be entrusted with the inspiring direction to start and proceed with the construction works gradually at every suitable part in or near the torrid zone, for the sake of the suffering and unfortunate people and nations.

Most nations, large and small, seek friendship and pecuniary help from the Government of the U.S.A. Let them have it the "Universal American Way."

Should you feel moved to comment on these far-reaching possibilities outlined above, I should be very glad to receive your views.

Sincerely yours,

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**TECHNICAL CONSTRUCTION
AS AN AID IN THE SOLUTION
OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM**

By WILLY WM. SALMON

**WILL THE PALESTINIAN ?
DESERTS BLOOM AGAIN ■**

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Technical Aid As a Solution to the Palestine Problem

• By WILLY WM. SALMON

NATURE has provided Palestine with a partial set-up which, together with construction work by man, can make provision for the habitation of a population tenfold its present size, aside from its benefits to neighboring territories. In other respects, Palestine has few advantages to offer towards a livelihood for large numbers.

As in every arid area, solar energy for many thousands of years has acted destructively here, paralyzing almost every growth and turning the country into wasteland.

Political affairs aggravated conditions.

It is well known that the water on earth has a

continuous circulation, as shown in Diagram 1 (see Chart B, 3). Evaporation (W) lifts the moisture up until it is condensed, first as clouds (X), later as rain or snow-fall (Y) and flows down (Z) into the sea. (While running through mountainous regions, it produces hydraulic power, which may be transformed into electric energy).

The peculiar characteristics of Palestine, geographical, topographical and tropical, make a further step possible: It is the only place on earth where so great a difference in level exists, since the Dead Sea is 1200 feet below sea level and is maintained in perpetual balance by evaporation. This new step (V)

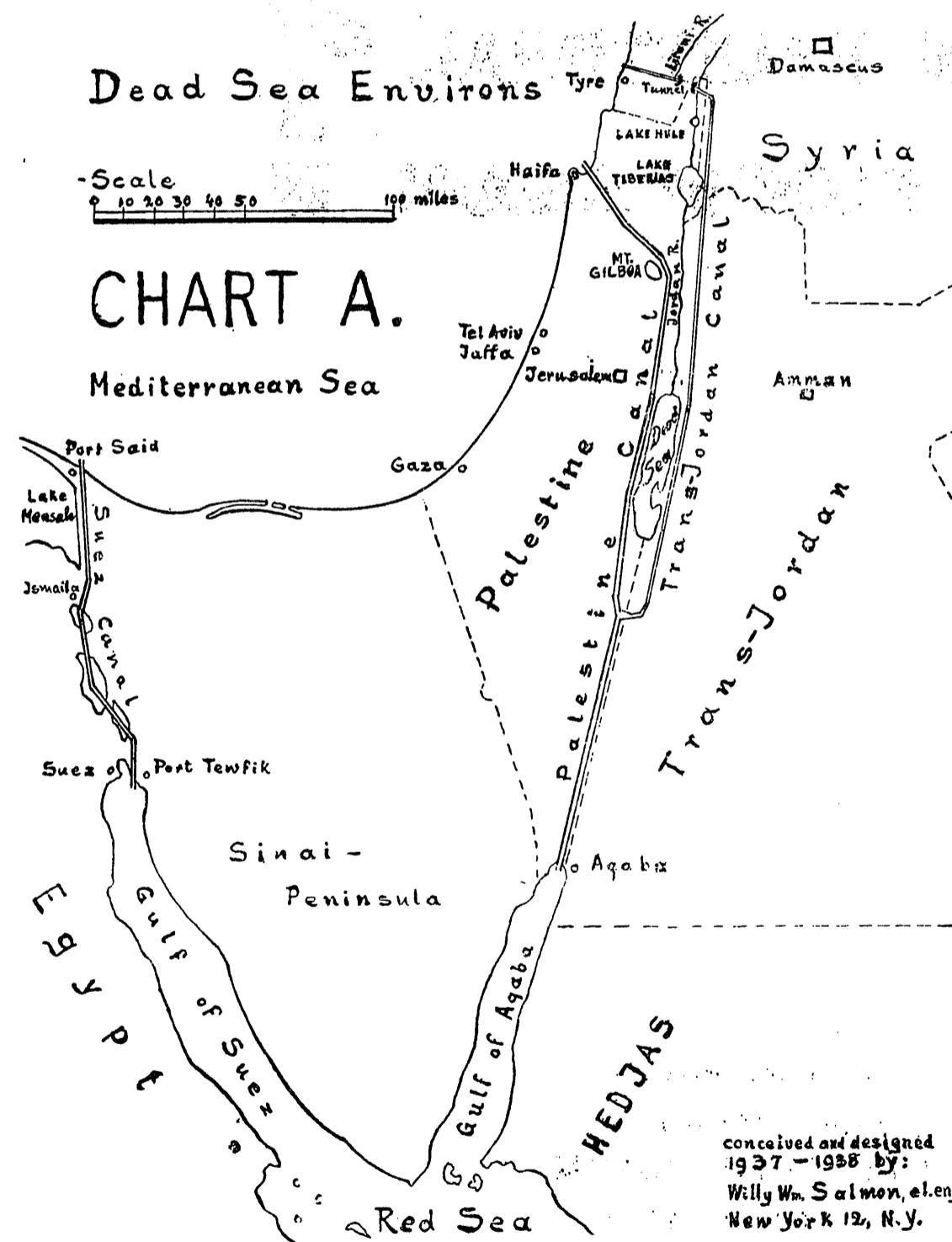
of the passage of ocean-water into the lower level is introduced into the general scheme of the water-circulation as shown in Diagram 2 (see Chart B, 3).

Charts A and B (1 and 2) indicate how the new step (V) may be made feasible in an economical and practical way for bringing the salt-water from the Mediterranean and the Red Seas automatically to the rim of the Dead Sea depression and simultaneously provides:

- 1) an important water-way for fast ocean liners (through what may be known as the Palestine Canal);
- 2) a branch canal for smaller vessels (to be known as the Trans-Jordan Canal);
- 3) express-railroads and highways along the canals, leading to various junctions;
- 4) hydro-electric power plants with a capacity for more than a million kW;
- 5) an accumulation of sweet-water for all the year to be enjoyed by each country near the rift;
- 6) a complete irrigation system and aqueduct for agriculture and industry.

By this reconstruction, lifeless deserts can be converted into productive fields, farms and healthy districts, where many millions of people can find their existence and future.

The plan here proposed differs from all other projects, including Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk's JVA, in



that it keeps under full control all water from inside of the water shed and prevents it from flowing into the Dead Sea. The danger of inundations and the destruction of fertile lands is thus avoided. Considerably greater effectiveness in the generation of power combined with the construction of navigable canals throughout a territory that has great possibilities of development, will then stimulate industry and commerce in all the neighboring countries, and thus render the territory considerably more important also strategically.

The key to the proposed plan is the high rate of evaporation in the Dead Sea. The rate of evaporation in this area of 625 square miles is about $6\frac{1}{2}$ yards per year or 205 cubic yards per second. This enormously high evaporation can be utilized with full effect if it be limited exclusively to the evaporation of the waste water from the turbines.

As the salt water is conducted to the rim of the Dead Sea depression and simultaneously the river and rain water is kept out of the depression as well as of the canals, the canals will cross and dam about a dozen large and a few hundred small rivers and valleys on the east and west side slopes of the rift.

The many dams that cross valleys (see Chart B, 2) will create a multitude of small and large stowage basins on the hillside of the canals, wherein the sweet water would be accumulated. Just as the valleys on both sides of the slopes are almost symmetrically placed between Syria in the North and the Red Sea in the South, so also will the sweet water basins be arranged. This means that the sweet water will be available for land irrigation and other uses in all parts of the territory.

The rain water from the slopes between the many valleys will be collected in large ditches between the canal banks and the uphill slopes, and directed through them to the basins, as well as the abundance from heavy rain showers in any part of the territory and thus prevented from flowing into the Dead Sea (see Chart B, 2).

On the basis of the evaporation of 205 cubic yards of water as mentioned above, an equal amount of salt water can be conducted from the canal beds to the turbines in the power plants, automatically regulated by valves attached to pipes through which the water flows. Thus will be produced one million HP continually or a yearly electric current of about $6\frac{1}{2}$ billion kW hours.

With the aid of this tremendous store of electrical energy, accumulated sweet water and all spring or river water not utilized by gravitation, as well as ground water could be pumped to covered basins and reservoirs high up on hills and mountains all over the territory, so that during the entire year healthy and cool water for every purpose and in every locality may be available, in addition to electric light, heat and power.

The influx of ocean water unmixed by sweet water will increase the density of the salt water in the Dead Sea and consequently the productivity of the chemical plants at the shores of the Sea.

THE main part of this project is the Palestine Canal, about 240 miles long, 350 feet wide and 50 feet deep, at the height of Sea level, without locks, navigable for fast ocean liners from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea or in reverse. It would start from Haifa, extend in a southeasterly direction towards the slopes of Mount Gilboa, where it turns southwards along the rim of the great Dead Sea depression, until it reaches the Gulf of Aqaba.

For almost its entire length, it leads along the rocky slopes of the rift, into which, as a solid foundation, the canal bed is to be cut (see Chart B, 1 and 2). This enables the large vessels by their own power or by electric tractors at the drift ways, to navigate through the canal at a speed of at least 20 miles per hour. By comparison, the sandy bed of the Suez Canal permits a speed of only 6 miles per hour. The great saving of travel time over the Palestine route becomes apparent in the following table, which shows the difference in time required by ships on each route, from the Mediterranean Sea to the southern point of the Sinai Peninsula (see Chart A):

Route Via PORT SAID			
	Mileage	Speed	Time
Suez Canal	103 mls.	6 mls.	17 hrs.
Suez Gulf	209 mls.	30 mls.	7 hrs.
Total	312 mls.		24 hrs.

Route Via PORT HAIFA			
	Mileage	Speed	Time
Palestine Canal	240 mls.	20 mls.	12 hrs.
Aqaba Gulf	120 mls.	30 mls.	4 hrs.
Total	360 mls.		16 hrs.

In contrast to the monotonous banks of the Suez Canal, the variety of landscape along the Palestine Canal Route, with its interwoven canal and highway constructions, will give many picturesque and charming views never to be forgotten by the passengers on steamers, trains, cars, etc.

A complementary but important part of this project is the Trans-Jordan Canal, about 218 miles long, 130 feet wide and 30 feet deep, navigable for ships up to 1500 tonnage. Branching off from the Palestine Canal near the south end of the great depression, it leads along the eastern slopes of the rift northwards to near Lake Hule and, if desired for economical or political reasons, may cross the upper Jordan-valley westwards, possibly through a very short tunnel, which will end near the elbow of the Litani River-valley. The lower course of this river from the elbow to the Mediterranean Sea would have to be enlarged for the canal bed (see Chart A).

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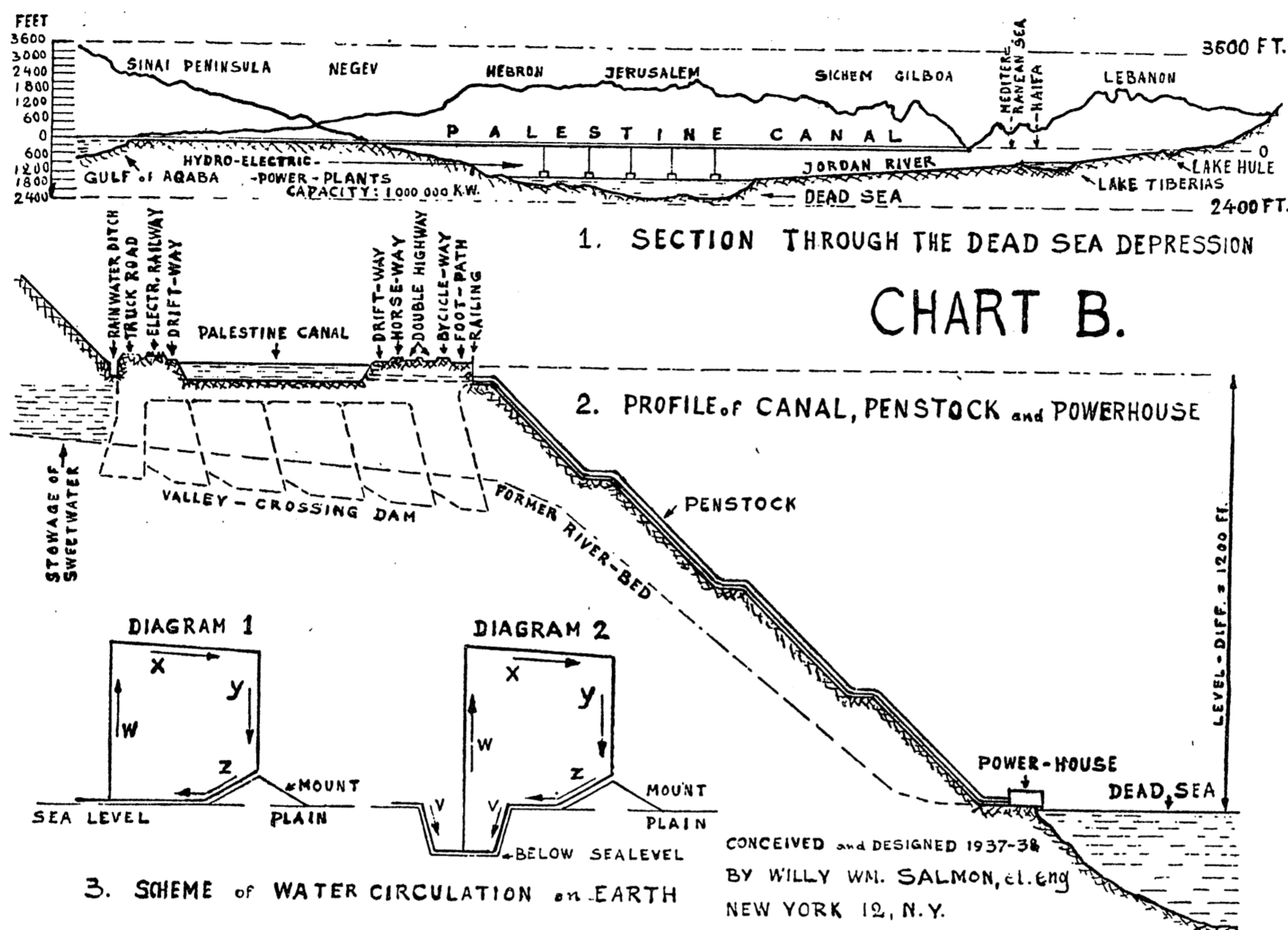
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Work on this project, which may benefit the economy of all neighboring countries, could be started in cooperation with every interested government, organization and corporation, at the most important and most profitable valley-dams and river-crossings so as most speedily to obtain auxiliary water—and power resources during the construction period. As there are no great swamps in this region, no fever epidemic is possible, particularly as the necessary health measures are introduced.

Under proper political protection, finances for this project might be provided by the issuance of bonds and shares of a syndicate to be formed. Every laborer and participant in the project may also buy his share and be entitled to a homestead and settlement for his family in accordance with fair regulations.

The undesired and persecuted masses of European Jews could instantly find unrestricted opportunity to work and to live in Palestine, instead of being starved, murdered or driven in every direction as the wind blows.

The Arabs did not and could not by themselves cultivate and improve the immense territories they had occupied during the period of 2,000 years of

Jewish exile, so that for the most part the territories are not habitable or are underpopulated.

Since the beginning of this century, the Jews have proved that they are able to cultivate the Palestine deserts and are prepared and willing to help the Arabs in their aspirations.

This project, it would seem, offers extraordinary political and economic opportunities to the leaders of government, industry, commerce, labor, etc. It would help to eliminate many controversial questions and to solve the problems of utilizing and regulating a great variety of natural forces and resources on earth which a single state or country alone might not be able to exploit. These are donated to all mankind and are intended for the best and wisest use by all men.

AMONG OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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Prime Minister Atlee
London, England,
Sir:

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We Christian Americans are so disappointed that your progressive government is as reactionary toward the Jews as England was toward the American colonies, the Irish, the suffragettes. All were driven to violence as the only way to get liberty and self government.

All's fair in the war you force on those so cheated. Can't you take the good example we set in freeing those rich and populous islands, Cuba and Philippines, without war?

American Jews poured hundreds of millions of dollars into buying poor, little, rocky Palestine from the Arabs who have such vast areas elsewhere. That is our big part in giving Jews a homeland of their own.

Never say, Americans only, criticize England who bears the burden. Every English argument for withholding Palestine from the Jews is as specious as those given Irish, suffragettes, early Americans. Be fair, at long last! Give the Jews the right to buy all of Palestine at fair prices from the Arabs and govern it themselves and the Jews will give you the oil contract and military bases to protect your lifeline.

What more does England want? Why does the Magna Carta country hate to spread the idea?

We are so ashamed our mother country lacks logic and fair play. Get right for your own good and that of persecuted Jewry, Arabs and all of us.

Sincerely,
Harlan George Prince
General Delivery, San Diego, California, U.S.

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1070 Ocean View Avenue
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January 8, 1946

Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin
10 Downing Street
London, England

My dear Prime Minister:

On January eighth you announced that you are planning to recommend that Palestine be divided into two parts allowing 60 percent of the land to the Jews, some to the Arabs and keeping a few cities as free territory. This plan may be satisfactory for the present but since Palestine has become the main European Jewish refuge the Jewish section will become extremely overcrowded. I urge you to permit the entire land area of the Holy Land to be taken over by the Jews. If this is done I also hope you will leave Jerusalem a free city, since it is an important religious center.

Yours truly,

Edel Wasserman

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January 10, 1947

Mr. Clement R. Attlee
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, England

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am enclosing for your consideration a resolution on the British terror in Palestine, unanimously adopted by two thousand trade unionists assembled at Cooper Union, on January 8th, to hear a report from an AFL-CIO delegation recently returned from Europe.

It is our sincere hope that your Government will give the matter dealt with in the resolution its earnest attention.

Very truly yours,

Max Steinberg

Max Steinberg,
Secretary-Treasurer

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RESOLUTION ON BRITISH TERROR IN PALESTINE

British actions in Palestine indicate a deadly parallel with the practices of the Hitler Government of Nazi Germany. Today outrages perpetrated against the Jewish people of Palestine give unmistakable evidence that the British Government has adopted and is pursuing a calculated policy of anti-Semitism in order to perpetuate its rule in Palestine.

Only in this morning's newspapers we read of eye-witness accounts describing a group of Jewish factory workers in Tel Aviv who were forced to run a gauntlet of one-sixth of a mile. As they ran, they were showered with blows from clubs, rifle butts and bayonets. They were then herded in a circle on the ground and British soldiers continued to beat them.

This outrage follows on the heels of similar incidents of almost daily occurrence. The way for this reign of terror was prepared by the anti-Semitic incitements of such prominent British spokesmen as Ernest Bevin, General Barker, Colonel Webb and others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: We, 2,000 American workers assembled at Cooper Union on the 8th day of January, 1947, to hear a report from a recently returned Delegation from Europe, do hereby demand that:

- 1) Britain cease its terror campaign against the Jewish people in Palestine at once and remove its armed forces from that country.
- 2) That Britain turn over Palestine to the United Nations as a preliminary step for an independent, free Palestine whose people, Jews and Arabs, may enjoy the benefits of peace, security and equality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We call upon our own American Government to place these demands before the British Government and the United Nations.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Lord Inverchapel, President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall.

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Premier Atlee,
Premier of Great Britain,
10 Downing Street,
London, England.

Honorable Sir:



Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ. I was sent to the Near East (Palestine) by appointment of the Missionary Board of The Assembly of Christian Churches Incorporated with headquarters at 10-14 West 114th Street, New York, New York. I arrived by train from Alexandria on May 14th 1946 and continued in Jerusalem until October 12th last. When I was given a visa permit to return to America until February 28th of this year, as your government in Palestine had given me emigrant status when I entered Palestine. The reason I came home so soon was because of a severe illness which threatened to cost me my life.

While I was in Palestine I learned much from the people about the present international situation and I should have written to you sooner but have been so ill that until now I was not able to do this properly. The first thing I learned in Palestine was of the prevailing feeling of the Arab against the Jew. As I entered business places and homes the first question I was asked was whether I stood for the Arab or the Jew. "Which position did I take?" I told them that I believed there was place, room, and work for both, that could best be done together, and that both were needed, each in his field, to build up the East to its greatest development and blessing to all. I told them that each could contribute best what the other could not; and that they should dwell together in good will as brothers with "equal right to all and special privileges to none." This they could not deny, and had no more trouble, through from the first they warned me that if I took the position favoring the Jew rather than the Arab I would be killed.

I soon ran accidentally into the blind headquarters in Jerusalem of Arab activities with a repetition of the same matter, and later at the Arab Hotel where I stayed for a few weeks. I there became very friendly with both Jews and Arabs, with good will and no trouble. I believe this is the solution as far as there is one, for your Government to take and assure it to all there, and to guarantee to both peoples equal entrance and equal protection and equal rights.

The world has had untold trouble since 1939 just following your policy agreed to in the Conference in England which adopted the white paper, denying the Jews free entrance into Palestine as their

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national home and permitting it to the Arabs. This trouble will continue to grow worse until Chapters 16 to 19 of the Revelation will be completely fulfilled. It is too late to prevent the Progress of events but they will be less disastrous to Britian if you correct your present policy toward the Jews. I have been a close student of Bible prophecy for forty years, and I assure you this is the time decreed by God for the restoration and return of the Jews to their original Home as a Nation. Only disaster can continue to come to those who oppose it. God gave me my call to help in this crisis over 25 years ago and everything He told me has come or is in the process of coming true. I have been a personal friend in fact intimately by correspondence with the late President Roosevelt from the time when he was Governor of New York and a candidate for President, and all through his Presidency until his lamented death, and I know by his replies as well as the action he took on my suggestions that he relied upon their wisdom and accuracy. One thing was in the crisis, when invasion of your Island was threatened I urged him to come to your defense and to forsake completely the policy of isolation to save you and us and the whole world from greater tragedy. In this he follwed my suggestions as he usually did and found them correct. And I believe that you will now do this also to save Christian Civilization and, if possible, yourself; for in Palestine as well as on the ship coming home I was told by influential friendly Arabs that the whole Mohammedan world, over six hundred million strong, had thoroughly united agreeing that now is the time to arise together and take by force all they desired in the East etc. I told them they would fail but they insisted that now was the only time. This will involve all nations in events as described in Revelations 16 to 19, and the time is "even at the door."

My Mother was born under the British flag and as a friend I now emlore you to cooperate in fulfilling prophecies favorable to Israel as described in Isaiah, Chapters 11 etc, and especially Verse 11 of Chapter 11; Also Jeremiah, Chapters 30 to 30; and Ezekial 34 to 38 etc., and numberless other prophecies.

With Prayer for the coming good, I am respectfully yours,

John Peter Klotzbach

Rev. John Peter Klotzbach.

P. S.

I have written this message to you with the same light and urgency from the Lord as I always did for our President or other leaders here and I urge you to receive it as the Word of the Lord and not my own.

Yours,

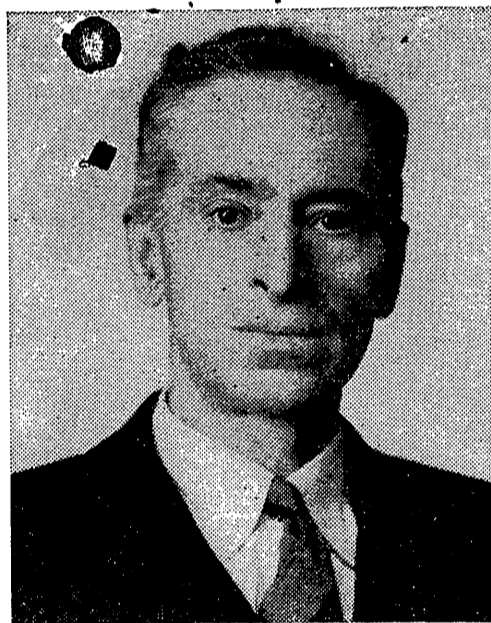
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... Isaiah 2 and Micah 4 ...

Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ... Matt. 25:14, This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world ... then shall the end come. Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God. Isaiah 55:7, Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Luke 19:13, Occupy till I come.

"Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen, tell them of JESUS the mighty to save."

Luke 19:10, For the Son of man (Jesus) is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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I humbly beg to take this
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I appeal to you Sir, in the Name of God, to save the lives of those displaced Jewish people, who are losing all hope & who are contemplating suicide. If this terrible tragedy

If this terrible tragedy should happen, God Almighty will punish the World with a great + Terrible Retribution. suffered beyond souls who have + who have drunk to the dregs the cup of bitterness, are the Holy Remnant of Israel, of whom it is written in the Bible, of whom God Promised to bring back to the Holy Land.

It is written in the Book of
Isaiah, + the Holy + Ancient

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Prophecies are being worked out
in the World to day.

Isaiah - Chapter 10 - verse 20. also 28
Chapter 11 verses 11 + 12.

We are now living in the time
for the fulfillment of the Great
Promise. God's Will - will be
done, but before the Great
Return can be, to quote the
Prophet Jeremiah. 16-14-18.

Behold I will send for many
fishers saith the Lord + they shall
fish them + after I will send for
many hunters + they shall hunt
them from every mountain +
from every hill + out of the
holes of the rocks. -
This prophecy is being fulfilled
at the present time.

I plead with you Sir, for the
lives of these poor people + you
will gain a great Blessing for
your compassion upon them.
Thanking you in Anticipation
I Remain

Your Humble + Respectful
Servant,
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THE RISE AND FALL OF BABYLON

CHAPTER ONE

"Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation."

Daniel 4:1-3

These are the words, not of a Hebrew saint, not of one of the usual writers of the Scriptures, but the fourth chapter of the prophecy of Daniel contains the testimony of a pagan, heathen Gentile king, Nebuchadnezzar, relating for us his conversion and how he came to the knowledge of the true God and Jehovah. As you know, the Bible is a Hebrew book, written in the main, both the Old and the New Testament by Hebrews whom God chose and inspired by His Spirit to set down the record of His will, His plan, His purpose, the program for the ages. The fourth of Daniel, however, is a very outstanding exception to this rule, for as we have stated, it contains the personal testimony of the conversion of this heathen king. If we are to understand the Bible correctly, we must remember that it deals very largely, with the history of one single nation, the nation of Israel, the nation which is at the center of God's program and plan for the dispensations and the rest of the world nations. It deals particularly with one particular land, the land of this nation, the land of Canaan, which God gave by covenant to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and through them to the twelve tribes of Israel. That promise holds good today just as sure,

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unbreakable, as in the day when God first gave it to His servant, Abraham, in the 13th, 14th, and 15th chapters of Genesis. If, therefore, we are to understand the Bible and all of its revelation, we must remember that the key to the Scriptures is the plan of God concerning the nation of Israel in setting up a kingdom here upon earth and during the interval of the nation's rejection and the setting aside of the kingdom, God is calling out for Himself a Bride, the Church of the Lord Jesus. After her rapture, God will again begin to deal with His ancient people, and fulfill all the covenant promises which He has made to the prophets of old as contained in the record of the Bible. It is, therefore, significant and worthy of special note that in this fourth of Daniel, we have the record not of a Hebrew writer but of a Gentile king concerning the dealing of God in revelation.

PURPOSE OF THE PROPHECY OF DANIEL

To the casual observer, the book of Daniel looks very much like twelve disconnected and unrelated chapters telling us the experiences of this man, Daniel, while he was a slave in the palace of the king, Nebuchadnezzar. However, when we remember that the Holy Spirit who wrote all the other sixty-five books of the Bible is the one Author, and that there is a unity and a progression and a oneness of purpose in every one of these books and all of them are related together, we begin to see in the prophecy of Daniel not merely a historical record of certain events which took place thousands of years ago, but a revelation of God, all these chapters connected one to the other and revealing to us what God's purpose and plan is for these days which lay ahead in Daniel's day. These twelve chapters in Daniel, therefore, are not isolated experiences, but they are related accounts of God's progressive revelation of the things which He wants His children to know. The main purpose of Daniel was to give us a vision of the times of the Gentiles up until the second coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ. So what we find in Daniel is a record of the course of the ages from Daniel's day through the present dispensation of the grace of God, through the tribulation period, and up to the millennial period which shall be ushered in by the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

FOUR PICTURES OF BABYLON

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In order to make it more easy for you to understand the purpose and the teaching of the prophecy of Daniel, let me just remind you that we have in this interesting book, four distinct and separate and yet related pictures of the course of this age. The first is found in the second chapter. You will recall it. The image of Nebuchadnezzar with its head of gold, with its chest and arms of silver, with its belly and thighs of brass, with its legs of iron and with its feet and toes of iron and of clay. We have already pointed out that this was a prophetic picture of the course of history from Babylon even unto the last form of Gentile world power and dominion which will be destroyed when the Lord Jesus Christ comes again. We have pointed out that the head of gold represents Babylon; the chest represented the Kingdom of Persia; and then we have the belly and the thighs of brass which was the conquering hosts of Greece; and then finally the Roman Empire which in turn conquered the Kingdom of Greece; then was divided into two parts represented by the two legs; and then for a time was discontinued, and we believe that we are standing on the very threshold of that time when the ten toes will make their appearance in the two-headed federation of nations of the end time just before the coming of the Lord. This was the great image which king Nebuchadnezzar saw, a picture of the course of Gentile dominion during the time of the rejection of the King. The most significant part of this vision was that after having viewed the great image of gold and silver and brass and iron and clay, he saw a great stone coming down from heaven which smote the image in its feet and ground it to a powder and then the stone itself became a great rock which eventually filled the entire earth. Now the picture was simply this—that during the time of our Lord's rejection the Gentile world powers will seek to bring about a millennium, a period of peace and world federation and world government which shall have no need for God or for God's Christ, but at the end of man's efforts, after he has failed, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages, shall return and will smite these governments and grind them to powder, and He Himself will become the King of kings and the Lord of lords and His kingdom shall be over all until it fulfills the entire earth.

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This is the testimony of prophecy that at the end of man's reign, after man has exhausted every means at his disposal to bring about a world peace and security, the Lord Jesus Christ will come and He alone will bring peace and happiness and prosperity to this poor old dying world which is today, in the very last throes of its desperate attempt to save itself without the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the first picture which we have of the course of the age. Then as we told you, the second one of these pictures is the tree vision of Nebuchadnezzar which we have in this fourth chapter. In this tree vision we saw Nebuchadnezzar having another dream. He saw a great tree with branches giving shelter to the beasts of the field and was the place where birds could find nesting places, and then a voice from Heaven commanded to hew down the tree, and it fell, and after seven years the stump again budded forth and became another tree. Just another picture of the same thing that we have in the second chapter of how the Gentile world power will increase and grow until it is cut down. We have an additional thing, here, however, in the fourth chapter, for we find that the tree that was cut down will ultimately be restored, teaching us that in the millennial age even the Gentile nations will own and acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ and shall be saved. We have a third picture of the course of this age, found in the next chapter which we take up in due time, Belshazzar's impious feast, when he took the vessels of the Lord from the temple of Jehovah and made merry with his king's utensils and with his hosts, only to be stopped in the middle of a feast by a hand that came from Heaven writing his doom upon the walls of the dining hall. Then we have one other picture and that is found in Daniel 7, where Daniel sees the four beasts, the lion, the leopard, the bear, and then the indescribable monstrosity which runs parallel to the image that we found in chapter two.

But now we want you to consider the vision of the tree in the fourth chapter of Daniel. It is one of the longest chapters in Daniel, and we shall not take the space to read it in its entirety but shall relate to you the more important features. Nebuchadnezzar, the one who had seen the vision of the great image in the second chapter, is still king in Babylon and Daniel is still

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serving him there in the capacity of advisor. Then one night the king had another dream, a vision. He saw a great tree growing, which had attained gigantic dimensions that it overshadowed the entire earth. Under its branches the beasts of the field found shelter. In its branches the birds of the Heaven found a place for their nesting and for their protection. And then a very strange thing happened. Let me quote the verses of the record as we have it in the fourth chapter of Daniel. Here it is:

"I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth."

This is the account of the king himself in regard to the dream which he had dreamed. And then Daniel is called in after all the wise men and the soothsayers, the magicians and the astrologers of Babylon had failed to give any kind of an explanation and Daniel comes in with his interpretation. When the Lord shows Daniel the meaning of this particular dream, he is astounded and amazed and for a time is absolutely silent, seeking wisdom from on high how he may break the news of the judgment contained in this dream upon the king, Nebuchadnezzar. After his period of silence we have the record of Daniel's interpretation as follows:

"It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.

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This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will."

Now in studying this interpretation of the king's dream, we must bear in mind that Daniel is, indeed, a prophecy, and while all of these accounts contain many, many valuable moral and ethical lessons which can be very profitable to us and which we should not overlook, nevertheless, the purpose of Daniel is to prophecy concerning the things which are to come. This, we remind you, was definitely stated by the Lord Jesus Christ in the gospel according to Matthew where He specifically reminds us that Daniel was a prophet. In the light of the prophetic nature of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, is representative of world government, not only in his particular time and age in which he lived, but is the representative of man's effort at governing himself in every age of man's dominion until the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ shall be set up. Just as Nebuchadnezzar succeeded in conquering the entire world and uniting them all under one great Babylonian system of government, so too the Bible tells us that toward the end of this age there will emerge a world government, a world federation of nations under one federal headship which shall guarantee unto man, a man-made prosperity, when war shall cease, there will be no poverty, no strife, no disagreement, but the Utopia of man's dreams, the millennium of man's making shall find its fulfillment. When that time comes, then like Nebuchadnezzar, the pride of man will reach its very apex. Man will imagine that he himself has brought about all of this wonderful achievement and accomplishment through education, science, human wisdom, without acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible is filled with descriptions of this end time world

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federation when man shall have reached the very pinnacle of human success only to find that it is a paper house of dreams, that it cannot stand, that until Christ reigns, there can be no lasting peace, there can be no success, by the efforts of man alone. Man, like Nebuchadnezzar, will be walking upon the house-top of his own accomplishments and viewing all that he has made, saying, "Is not this the great Babylon that I have built?" But just the very moment when man dreams that he has accomplished his desired purpose will be the signal for the coming again of the rightful owner and the rightful Governor, even the Lord Jesus Christ. He will shout from the air and take His church into Heaven with Himself, and then will follow a period of seven years of tribulation which we may well call the madness, the folly, the insane madness of the nations of the earth. Nebuchadnezzar became mad for seven long years during which he was with the beasts of the field, living like an animal and the kingdom of Babylon was without his leadership. This is typical, and prophetic of that seven-year period of time between the rapture of the church and His second coming again, during which God is going to remove all restraints, permit the anti-christ to have free reign, and man will succeed in almost annihilating himself were it not for the sudden intervention of the Lord Himself. And so the voice that came from Heaven and commanded that the tree representing Nebuchadnezzar, the king, be hewn down and cut to the ground, is a picture of the coming of the Lord who will cause the nations to become stark mad in their insane delusion of self-achievement and self-grandeur and then will follow the seven years of greatest confusion which the world has ever known.

THE END IS NEAR

We believe that the time of the cutting down of this great tree of world power is very, very near at hand. We are today experiencing as never before an effort on the part of man's sincere efforts, well-meaning efforts, to bring about some kind of a negotiation, some kind of an understanding, some kind of a union and federation of the nations of the world that will forever guarantee the security of the inhabitants of this earth, and will increase the prosperity and bring to an end the wars that have devastated this world since time began. And

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"Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase." Daniel 4:37

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After a lapse of about twelve months all these words of Daniel came to pass, and Nebuchadnezzar was suddenly stricken with great madness and driven by his own subjects from his kingdom and made his habitation for seven long years among the beasts of the field; only to be restored when he lifted up his eyes unto the God of heaven.

In our previous message which you will remember, we tried to trace the history of man's rule upon the earth up until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The thing to remember is that Nebuchadnezzar was stricken with this madness for a period of exactly SEVEN YEARS which we believe to be prophetic of the seven years of tribulation, between the rapture of the church and the second coming of the Lord Jesus. This seven

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year period is called "Tribulation," "The Day of Jacob's Trouble," "The Day of God's Indignation." It will be characterized by the madness of the nations who will seek to set up a kingdom in opposition to everything that is Godly, and Christian, under the leadership of the man of sin, the personal Antichrist, who will seek to de-throne the Lord Jesus Christ and set up his reign of terror in opposition to the reign of peace promised to all the prophets and to those who believe His Word. One of these days the Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth again, but first He will come and shout from the air and take out the church, his Body, together with all the Old Testament saints and when they have been safely removed from the earth, He will usher in a period of tribulation, persecution, suffering and death, and pestilence and famine and earthquakes and all sorts of judgment which shall threaten to annihilate man from the face of the earth except for the fact that God will shorten these days for the sake of His elect people, Israel. Then at the end of seven years of this terrible tribulation the Lord will come. This is represented by the watcher, the Holy One, who comes down from heaven in Nebuchadnezzar's dream and causes the axe to be laid to the tree. It is the same as the stone cut without hands out of the mountain in Daniel, chapter two, which smites the image of Nebuchadnezzar, the same thing as the tree vision in chapter four. The stone itself becomes so large that it fills the entire earth. All of these accounts tell us that man's day will come to an end, that man's effort to set up an ideal world peace and world government without acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ must come to a bitter and dismal end. Then the Lord Jesus coming with His church will set up the long-promised kingdom of the Messiah, promised by the prophets and the seers of old to His faithful people.

WORLD CONVERSION AT THE COMING OF CHRIST

There is one little detail given in this fourth chapter of Daniel which is very often overlooked. You will recall that when this Holy One, this watcher from heaven, commanded that the tree was to be cut down that a very definite instruction was given, that the stump of the tree and its roots should be left in the ground and at

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the end of the seven years this stump was to sprout again, representing of course first of all the fact that Nebuchadnezzar would be restored when he acknowledged the King of Heaven, and was converted. All this came to pass historically. But prophetically this stump means that after the seven years of the madness of the nations in the tribulation, the Gentile nations too will be converted and while Israel will be restored in the land, these Gentile nations will occupy the countries of the world, acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, and every knee shall bow to Him and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

The fact that Nebuchadnezzar was not converted until AFTER the seven years of madness and the stump of the tree did not sprout again until AFTER it had been cut down for a period of time is of such great importance that we must insist upon your careful study of this important truth because upon it depends the proper attitude toward the program of God in this dispensation. There are those who tell us that during this present dispensation, before the setting up of the kingdom, before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the world is going to be converted by the influence of the social gospel, by the preaching of the church, by education, reformation, legislation and scientific development man will finally learn his lesson, will accept the gospel, all will be converted and the world will be ushered into an age of peace and joy and happiness and prosperity and freedom from war and want and from poverty, and THEN at the end of that period of time the Lord will come again to judge the quick and the dead and to usher in eternity. Then there is another school which teaches quite the opposite; that this world will not become better and better but rather according to the testimony of the Word of God, worse and worse until it seems that it will ultimately destroy itself, but before this happens the Lord Jesus will return, take out His church, then allow the seven years of tribulation, represented by the seven years of madness of Nebuchadnezzar, at the end of which He will return WITH His church, destroy His enemy, the nations shall be converted, Israel shall be restored to the land, and then the Millennial rest and peace of one thousand years will be ushered in.

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OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

These are, generally speaking, the two schools of thought in regard to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. These are called the Post-millennial and the Pre-millennial Schools, there is a Third of more recent origin called the A-millennial to which we will give no time or attention at all because it is so far-fetched and so utterly impractical that we have no time even to discuss it with you. However, because of the wide-spread acceptance of the Post-millennial we must give just a little time to that particular subject because it is held by such a large segment of Christendom today.

TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

Against the post-millennial theory of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, there are two very serious objections. Before we take up these two objections, let me just give you the meaning in just a few words again of the word, "Post-millennial." The word, post-millennial, comes from three Latin words, "post" and "mille" and "annum." Post means after; mille means one thousand; and annum means years. So we have the meaning of it, "After the thousand years." The post-millennialists then teach that the Lord Jesus will not return until after the one thousand years of millennial peace and prosperity. As we said a moment ago, there are two serious objections to this particular view. The first is that it is not Scriptural. There is not one shred of evidence in the entire Bible to support the theory that the world will become better and better, morally, ethically, or in any other way until man has reached perfection and all men shall acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, and then after that the Lord is to come. To the contrary, as we shall show when we talk about the pre-millennial view, Scripture abounds with statements showing us that this age will degenerate consistently until at last it seems all hope for mankind is gone and then the Lord Himself is going to step in and take a hand in the affairs of men. The second objection which we raise to the post-millennial view is that it is not borne out by the facts of history. After six thousand years of man's rule and all his attempts to produce a government that shall be the ideal universal government for all men, he finds him-

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self today in greater straits than ever before. He has tried everything conceivable; the highest and the best educated men of all ages have sought an answer to the problem of war and of national disagreement only to find themselves today at greater odds and disagreements than at any other time of human history. Until the human heart is changed, until human nature is different, until men, accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and the only hope for this world, there can be no progress. After six thousand years of human effort we have experienced within a generation two of the greatest, the costliest of all the wars of history. Man has succeeded in developing instruments of destruction and death such as were not dreamed of only a generation ago. Today, in this atomic age, we are told that we are just beginning in the development of modern warfare. Not only is it true in the matter of international relationship, but in the moral realm, in the domestic realm, in the religious realm, the same thing is true. There are more crimes being committed, there is more wickedness, drunkenness and immorality, the divorce rate is higher than ever in the history of the world, while the birthrate is decreasing. Among the more civilized there is more violence and corruption on every hand than the world has ever seen before. Every fact of history refutes the idea that the world will become better morally, economically, socially, in its relationship between men and nations and religion.

THE PRE-MILLENNIAL TEACHING

Now place against this Post-millennial theory the teaching of the Word of God and we will find that it teaches not a post-millennial but a pre-millennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The word, pre-millennial, simply means in its simplest form, before the thousand years, and it teaches that this world will according to the foreknowledge and program of God continue in its wickedness, in its own self-destruction, until finally the Lord will come in and rescue the church and the world and His people from complete annihilation and then through His coming and His personal presence He will set up the kingdom long promised to the seers of old. According to this teaching we believe that things will continue to become worse and worse and worse. With all of the talk

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of progress and development, all of the dreams of mankind in regard to the freedom and the securities of the nations and the peoples, all these things will ultimately fail until the Lord Jesus Christ is acknowledged. Remember that we are talking about the fourth chapter of Daniel where Nebuchadnezzar was kept in his madness until he acknowledge the God of heaven and recognized Him as the King over all and then his kingdom was restored. And so we believe that it is according to the testimony of Scripture that this age will continue its downward course while the Lord calls out a people for His Name, to constitute the bride which shall be taken out before the tribulation period. In answer to the question of the disciples in the 24th chapter of the gospel through Matthew, Jesus gives a long list of signs which shall be indicative of the end of this age and they certainly are not signs of improvement and development but they are signs of degeneration. He mentions among others the false christs that shall come and the wars and the rumors of wars and the famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places, and then the anti-racial attitude of many nations and the infidelity of friends and false prophets. Certainly this is not a picture of the world becoming better and better toward the end but rather becoming worse and worse. In 1st Timothy, chapter four, we read:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron:" I Tim. 4:12

This certainly is not a picture of a world that is becoming better and better, but rather one that is constantly degenerating. In 2nd Timothy, chapter three, we read:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

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Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." II Tim. 3:1-5

We might go on and on in quoting passage after passage to indicate that God has truly revealed through His prophets that this world will become worse and worse under man's rule and will not become better and better, until at last the Lord Jesus Christ Himself shall step in and take the reins of government.

GOD'S PROGRAM FOR THIS AGE

What the Lord, therefore, is doing during this dispensation is not the wholesale conversion of the world. Instead, He is through the preaching of the gospel gathering out a select number called the BODY of the Lord Jesus Christ,—those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and are saved and numbered among the members of the body of the Lord Jesus. When the Lord Jesus comes to take this body out, the dead in Christ shall rise first, the living believers shall be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then after the seven years of tribulation we will have the setting up of the millennial kingdom and then the conversion of the world, and all the Gentiles shall learn to know the Lord Jesus Christ when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Probably no clearer passage of Scriptures on this subject can be found than the 15th chapter of the book of Acts, where the apostles had come together in order to talk about the message of grace going to the Gentile peoples of that age. Here it is given very, very clearly.

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

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After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacles of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things."

Acts 15:14-17

Now in this brief passage you will find God's program, first during this dispensation, He visits the Gentiles. Now notice carefully, to take OUT of them a people for His Name. Not the conversion of the world, but to take OUT FROM AMONG THE NATIONS, here one and there one, a few here and a few there, of people for His Name. And then, notice carefully verse 16

"After this, (after He has visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His Name, then) I will return, and build again the tabernacle of David."

After that we have the setting up of the kingdom and the conversion of the world.

This then is the simple program of God during this dispensation the calling out of the church, His Bride, and at the end of this dispensation the return of the Lord and the setting up of the Kingdom of David long promised and then the residue of men seeking after the Lord and all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called. That is God's program. God help us to be among those who shall be saved.

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CHAPTER THREE

THE RISE AND FALL OF BABYLON

"Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?

And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto he king, and make known to him the interpretation."

Daniel 5:1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 13, 16, 17

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This fifth chapter of Daniel records the downfall of the great kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar, the kingdom of Babylon. This record as we have it in Daniel chapter 5 has been abundantly confirmed by secular history as well. We have already seen that in Daniel we have four pictures of the course of Gentile world dominion. One we saw in the second chapter in the great image of the dream of Nebuchadnezzar; the second one that we saw was the dream of Nebuchadnezzar concerning the great tree that covered the earth but was cut down; then we have in this chapter Belshazzar's impious feast and the sudden judgment of God upon the nation of Babylon as the Medes and the Persians took over. We have one more that we shall take up later on—the vision of the four beasts in Daniel chapter 7, 8, and 9. Now all these four pictures give us a wonderful, harmonious, prophetic vision of the course of time from the time of Judah's captivity until the time of Israel's restoration in the Millennial Kingdom, from the time of Nebuchadnezzar and the height of Babylonian power until the downfall of the nation's godless attempt to set up an ideal world kingdom without the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. All of the world's history was foreknown by the Almighty and follows a definite pattern which God Himself foreknew and has laid down in utmost detail in the books of the Bible, not only in Daniel, but in all prophetic revelation.

We have continually been reminding you of the fact that Babylon represents more than a physical kingdom. Babylonianism is a system, an anti-Christian, anti-God system of man's endeavor to dethrone Almighty God and to bring about upon this world, an ideal Utopic kingdom and federation which shall not need the direction and the revelation of God in any sense whatsoever, and while Babylonianism assumes various forms, under Nimrod way back in the 11th chapter of Genesis, and then under the Egyptian form, the Babylonian, the Persian, the Grecian, the Roman form; the spirit of Babylonianism is always the same and never changes, and at the end time, just before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, a man will arise of whom Nimrod and Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great and many others, were only types. This man will be a super-man, half demon and half human, the anti-christ, the man of sin, who will succeed for a very

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brief time in bringing about that which Nimrod and all of his successors failed to bring about—a world union, a world commonwealth, that shall promise all the ideals that man has been striving for throughout the millenniums of his past history, but just when this man of sin seems to have reached the very acme and the pinnacle of his success, the Lord Jesus Christ will come in judgment and destroy man's anti-Christian system and set up upon this earth, His own kingdom of prosperity and peace and righteousness, and reign for ever and forever. Now, we have a number of pictures throughout the Scriptures which give this wonderful revelation. We have already reminded you that the tree vision of Nebuchadnezzar and the image of Nebuchadnezzar are all pictures, but probably the most graphic and the most descriptive of them all is this story of Belshazzar and his great drunken feast in the palace of Babylon, and the sudden judgment of God as the Medes and the Persians captured the city on the very night of this great debauch. This chapter should be read in connection with chapter 16 and 17 and 18, of the book of the Revelation where we have the description of the final fall and doom of Babylonianism and the restored Babylonian system during the tribulation period of which this chapter in Daniel is a type and a shadow, and a prophecy.

BABYLONIANISM FOLLOWS SAME PATTERN

In studying the various types of Babylonianism through the Scripture, beginning with Nimrod's kingdom in the 10th and 11th chapters of Genesis, we find that it always follows the same identical pattern. We may sum up the pattern of anti-Christian Babylonianism under three words. First, FEDERATION; second, DESECRATION; and finally, FRUSTRATION. The first attempt is to set up a world-wide kingdom under one particular head or nation who will dominate all the governments of the world. When this has been partly achieved, we find that it results in desecration, a denial of God, a denial of His Word, a denial of all things that are sacred; and then as the judgment of God falls upon them, we have the third stage, the frustration of all man's plans and the fulfillment of the plan of Almighty God. This is most graphically illustrated in this fifth chapter of Daniel in the history of Belshazzar. Under his father, Nebuchadnezzar,

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and also under him, Babylon had attained the very pinnacle of its power; it had conquered all the known kings of the world, and had succeeded in bringing them under the domination and under the government of the Babylonian empire. But as a result of this, being lifted up with pride, they began to desecrate the holy things of the Lord. It is well in studying the fifth chapter of Daniel to remember one very outstanding truth, and that is that the judgment of God fell upon Belshazzar and upon the kingdom of Babylon as a direct result of one act on the part of the wicked king, and that one act was that he reached out and touched the holy things of God. We are told repeatedly in the second verse and the third verse, and again in the 23rd verse that the occasion for the judgment of God was that Belshazzar commanded to bring—now listen—the golden and silver vessels which his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, that the king and his princes and his wives, and so forth, might drink therein. The crowning desecration that brought forth the displeasure of God and the judgment that fell upon Babylon was because he stretched forth his hand and touched the things which God has declared holy, which God has consecrated. He desecrated these things, and the cup of iniquity was full, and as a result judgment fell upon the wicked king and his kingdom. While this fifth chapter of Daniel with its record of Belshazzar's wicked feast and the writing on the wall, and the interpretation of Daniel contain many, many moral and valuable instructions for our everyday living, we must remember that Daniel is primarily a prophetic book, and I want to repeat because of its tremendous importance, that we must remember that the occasion for the judgment of God upon this Babylonian king was that he stretched forth his hand and touched the holy things of the Lord, the vessels of gold and of silver out of the temple in Jerusalem, in Judea, in the land of Palestine, the Holy Land. These things which had been given by God, consecrated by God for a very definite purpose, this wicked Gentile king, desecrated, and, as a result, God comes with His dire judgment upon him.

AN INTERESTING STORY

The fifth chapter of Daniel makes very interesting

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reading. It has been a favorite in all ages past. Belshazzar, the king, made a tremendous feast. It was a drunken debauch, a drunken party, to which he had invited a thousand of the nobles, the big wigs of the kingdom of Babylon. Significantly, Daniel is not present. Undoubtedly he had been invited, for we are told that his father, (that is, Belshazzar's father,) Nebuchadnezzar, had elevated Daniel to the second place in the kingdom. He was among the nobility and ruled over a greater part of the kingdom of Babylon. Undoubtedly, therefore, he had been invited, but Daniel, maintaining his position of absolute separation from the world while he was in the world, refused to be present at the impious feast of Belshazzar. During the feast the fingers of a man's hand appear out of apparently nowhere, and begin writing upon the wall of the great banquet hall in which the feast was being carried on. Now the writing was in an unknown language, and the king was unable to interpret the writing upon the wall. As a result he calls in all the magicians and the soothsayers and the astrologers which had failed before, and failed his father Nebuchadnezzar, had failed him, and they were unable to give him any light whatsoever. Then the widowed queen, the wife of Belshazzar's father, Nebuchadnezzar, comes into the banqueting hall. I am glad to note here too, that evidently she was not present at this party, at this debauching, and this desecration of the holy things of God. But, when she hears about the incident, she comes in, tells the king about Daniel and the service he had rendered to her husband, Belshazzar's father, in days gone by, with the assurance that he would be able to give the king the interpretation. So Daniel is brought in and is given a great offer of riches and wealth and position which Daniel turns down, and says, let these gifts be to someone else, but I will tell the king the interpretation of this writing upon the wall. Then Daniel begins the interpretation, and putting it as simply as we possibly can, the words "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," as found in the 25th verse of Daniel 5, meant merely this, MENE, God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it, because you have reached out your hand and touched things that God has consecrated, declared holy, the end of your kingdom has come. The meaning of the word TEKEL, thou are weighed in the balances and art

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found wanting. In addition to the destruction of the kingdom, there is a personal judgment which is falling upon the king himself. While you notice the word Mene has to do with kingdom, the word Tekel has to do with the king personally. THOU art weighed and art found wanting. The word PERES, another form of the word UPHARSIN, found in the 25th verse, Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and the Persians. Then we have the brief record at the close of the chapter that that very same night the king was slain and the kingdom taken away from him. Now history tells us, secular history, that Babylon was built across the river Euphrates, had a great wall which made it almost impossible for a conqueror to make any impression upon it, a great moat ran around the wall, and inside they felt absolutely secure. The river Euphrates with its moat around the city made it seem that no enemy could possibly take the kingdom. But the Medes and the Persians under their leader, had diverted the course of the river Euphrates into the moat, possibly, around the city, causing the river bed itself that flowed through Babylon, to become absolutely dry, and having dried up the river, the army was able to march underneath the wall and take them by surprise while the king and all his leaders and captains were insensible in their drunken debauch.

BABYLONIANISM REVIVED

This is the end of the Biblical record of the kingdom of Babylon as it existed under Nebuchadnezzar and under his son Belshazzar. But the spirit of Babylon, we have reminded you, continues to live on, and never dies, until the Lord Jesus Christ Himself comes to annihilate it forever and forever. We find the spirit and the program of Babylonianism carried on just as zealously as before, under the Medes and the Persians, and later on under the Grecian form of Gentile world dominion. Then under the Roman Empire, and at the end of this age it will reach its height and its pinnacle under the man of sin, the antichrist. At the close of this dispensation, and we believe it will be very soon, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to take out from this world all of His elect members of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. After they are gone, there will arise on the scene a man who will be the anti-type of king Belshazzar who will once

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more seek to bring together all the nations of the world in a Babylonian, anti-religious, anti-Christian system of political power. He will seek to federate all the nations of the world, and it will seem that he will succeed for a time, but his mistake too, will be that he will stretch forth his hand to touch the holy things of God. He will seek to conquer the Holy Land which God gave to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as an everlasting possession. He will stretch forth his hand to touch God's holy covenant people, the nation of Israel, and as in the case of Belshazzar, it was the occasion for the sending forth of the judgment of Almighty God. So too, when, after the church has been taken out, the antichrist, after having brought together the nations of the world in a temporary peace and prosperity, will stretch forth his hand to touch the Promised Land, that he may conquer that which God gave by covenant promise to only one nation, the nation of Israel, and will begin persecuting God's ancient covenant people. This will be the signal for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the destruction of Babylonianism. As we mentioned before we have the record of all this given very graphically, a fulfillment of the fifth chapter of Daniel, in the 16th, 17th, and 18th chapters of the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, where we have given in great detail, the history of Babylonianism in its final form, under its final head, the antichrist, and its complete and ultimate destruction when the Lord Jesus Christ comes. Now this record in Revelation 16, 17, and 18, is the anti-type, the fulfillment of that which was taught by the smiting of the image of Nebuchadnezzar, by a great stone from heaven in Daniel 2, by the cutting down of the tree in the tree vision of Daniel chapter 4, and by the fall of Babylon so graphically given in Daniel 5, the chapter which we are studying at this particular time.

There are in the world at this very moment, a great number of movements which seem to indicate beyond a shadow of doubt that the time of the reviving of Babylonianism in the world is very, very near at hand. All eyes are centered upon one little land today, situated at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, which is best known to us as the Holy Land, the Promised Land, the land of Palestine, the ancient land of Israel, and the land of Canaan. Not a day goes by that it is not

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"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:" Genesis 12:1-2

Notice two things about this covenant of Grace which God made with Abraham. First, God does it all. There are no conditions on the part of Abraham, except to believe God in that which He promises to do. God says, "I WILL shew thee the land." He says, "I WILL make thee a great nation." He says, "I WILL bless thee." God does it, you will notice, all because it is a covenant of grace, and independent of anything which Abram is to do.

Secondly, notice that the covenant has to do with a land. He says, Go unto a land that I will shew thee. And then notice, too, that it has to do with a seed, for He says, I will make of thee a great nation. The two objects of the covenant of God's grace made to Abraham are a PEOPLE and the LAND which this people are to possess. No matter where you pick up the line of the covenant, it is always with reference to the land and the people of this land. Israel and the land are forever inseparable, and are inseparably associated from the very first. Please bear these two words in mind, Israel and the land of Palestine. They are inseparable. Notice in this connection the following quotation from Genesis 13, and verse 14:

"And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; For all the LAND which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy SEED forever.

And I will make thy SEED as the dust of the earth . . . Arise, walk through the LAND in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee." Genesis 13:14-17

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Then in Genesis 15:18 we read:

"In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto THY SEED HAVE I GIVEN THIS LAND, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

In this passage we have God giving to Abraham the boundaries of the land which his seed was to possess. It includes far more than is usually considered when we speak of the land of Palestine, yet God promised all this land to Abraham and his seed, and therefore the promise must still lie in the future. The prophecies of the Old and New Testament both assert that this glorious time when Israel shall return to the land and possess all of it is very near at hand. Now notice Genesis 17: verse 4

"As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land whercin thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." Genesis 17:4, 7, 8

In this re-affirmation of the covenant we have God giving the term during which the covenant shall last, and please notice, it was to be an everlasting covenant. Time and space prevents us from giving the many other passages where the covenant is re-stated and confirmed to Isaac, to Jacob, to Moses, to David, and through the Prophets, but in each case the same two elements are repeated and we repeat them.

FIRST. It is all of grace. God does not promise this to Abraham on condition that his seed shall be found faithful. There are no "ifs" in this covenant anywhere. God knew what an unfaithful nation Israel would be during the days of the prophets and the kings and how

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they would rebel and turn from God, and how they would reject God's own Son when He came into the world, but all this could not in the least affect the covenant of grace which God made with them through Abraham. Because He, this is, God, could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself.

Then notice SECONDLY. The covenant deals with just two things. The seed of Abraham, Israel, and the land of Palestine. Now four hundred years after God made this covenant with Abraham, He made another covenant with the seed of Abraham. It was made at Mt. Sinai and was the covenant of the Law and therefore a covenant of works. Now a covenant of works depends upon the faithfulness of man for its blessing while the covenant of God's grace depends on the faithfulness of God. For this very reason a covenant of works always fails, while a covenant of grace can never fail. The moment the blessing depends on man's behavior or faithfulness it immediately breaks down. Now God made a covenant of works, you remember with Adam in the garden of Eden and Adam failed. God made a covenant of works with Israel on Mt. Sinai and we know Israel failed.

But God made a covenant of grace with Noah after the flood in which He promised that while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night should not cease. That covenant has never failed. Now when the Israelites had come out of Egypt and were on their way to the land that God had promised through Abraham, He made a covenant of works with them at Sinai and said, "If ye will obey, and if ye will keep my commandments, and if ye will serve Me, then I will bless you and prosper you, but if you will not do all these things, then I will curse you and drive you forth from the land until the time for your restoration." See Leviticus 26:2 to 46, Deut. 29 and 30 and many other similar passages.

In these passages God predicts and promises what He will do to Israel if they fail to keep the covenant of works. Listen to His words as recorded in Leviticus 26:

"And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

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Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. And I will bring (now notice) the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

(And now notice the prediction) And I will scatter you among the nations, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them: and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth." Leviticus 26:27, 28, 32, 33, 36

Surely these words need no comment in the light of Israel's history and her dispersion and in the light of the present developments throughout the world, and the racial unrest, the wave of racial animosity which is sweeping over the earth today. And so today the nation is out of the land because she failed, not because their God had failed.

GRACE STILL STANDS

But all of the failures of the nation and all the years of her dispersion cannot break the covenant of grace which God made with Abraham, and after He has purified and chastened the nation He will fulfil every single promise of the Abrahamic covenant and bring Israel back and plant them forever in their land and they shall never be pulled up out of the land anymore. Amos 9:15. Listen to the words of the Lord concerning this people in Amos 9:14-15

"And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

AND I WILL PLANT THEM UPON THEIR LAND, AND THEY SHALL NO MORE BE PULLED UP OUT OF THEIR LAND WHICH I HAVE GIVEN THEM, SAITH THE LORD THY GOD." Amos 9:14-15

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"And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the Lord their God.

But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt." Leviticus 26:44-45

This was before the law was given, written in Leviticus 26: verses 44 and 45. Even though Israel breaks the covenant of works and must be punished and chastened because of it, it in no way affects God's covenant of grace. Here is where the great mass of Christians stumble. They imagine that because Israel had failed, God has forsaken them as a nation and God is all through with Israel and she will never go back to the land again, and the church has become spiritual Israel instead. All this error results from a misunderstanding of grace. A covenant of grace cannot be broken because it depends upon the faithfulness of God and not upon man's faithfulness. The enjoyment of that covenant of grace depends on man's faithfulness, to be sure, but it can never affect God's part in fulfilling it all. To teach, therefore, that Israel will not go back to the Holy Land as a nation and possess it forever as God's earthly covenant people and to teach the church now has taken Israel's place is to reveal ignorance of the basic meaning of grace, for God's grace never fails.

THE NEW TESTAMENT TRUTH

In the third chapter of Galatians Paul is using an illustration to prove that man is not saved by works but by grace, and the illustration he uses, strangely enough, is the covenant of grace made with Abraham. Here is the record:

"And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, (the covenant with Abraham) the law, (the covenant of works) which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

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For if the inheritance be of the law, (that is, of works) it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise." Galatians 3:17-18

Now do not hurry over that passage. Notice what Paul says. He says that the law covenant which Israel failed to keep cannot set aside or disannul the covenant of promise which God made previously, so even though Israel fails under the law, God's promise to Abraham concerning their everlasting possession of the Holy Land still stands.

THE LAND BELONGS TO ISRAEL

It is as true today as it was in Abraham's day that the land of Palestine belongs to Israel and no one else. God still considers the land as belonging to Abraham's seed. In Leviticus 25:23 we read:

"The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me."

God says the land is mine, and ye, (that is Israel) are sojourners with Me. It is the land of God, the land God promised; it is the land where the Son of God became a Man; it is the land where He walked for thirty-three years; it is the land where He suffered and died and was crucified; it is the land where He was buried and where He arose; it is the land from which He ascended into heaven; and it is the land to which He is coming back again. He is coming back, and when He comes He will not land in America, or in Britian, but His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem to the east. This is the Holy Land, preserved for a holy people.

God has an earthly people and He has a land. Both of these He promises to vindicate and defend to the end. He promised Abraham "To bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." And history has proven that God keeps His Word. Every nation which has ever persecuted Israel has gone down under God's judgment. God has dealt with every one of them. Pharaoh of Egypt, Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander, the Roman Empire, and even the more modern nations of these latter days and centuries. Every one has come under the judgment

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of God, because they, like Belshazzar, have stretched out their hand to touch Israel, called in the Bible the "apple of His eye."

TRUE OF THE LAND ALSO

What was true of the people is just as true of the land which God included in His covenant with Abraham. No nation has any right to the Holy Land of Palestine but the nation to whom God Himself has given it, and history has proven that every nation which has conquered Palestine and taken it away from Israel, all or in part, has invited the judgment of the Almighty. No, nation, I repeat, has ever escaped the judgment of God which has conquered with the land or with the people of Israel. History stands a mute monument to the proof of this assertion. Even the Crusades failed because the Christians, while they wanted to deliver the land from the sons of Ishmael, were not intent upon giving it back to its rightful owner, the sons of Isaac. Had the Crusaders gone forth with the firm intention of delivering the land and giving it exclusively to the rightful owners, no armies or combination of armies could have stopped them, for God would have been on their side. The solution of this world's ills lies in this one formula. Bringing God's covenant People into God's Holy Land. Thank God this is going to be accomplished when the Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Oh, that the nations of this world, and its leaders might learn to seek what God has to say in His Holy Word concerning the problem that is vexing the nations today. God help us to study His Word in these last closing days so that when the Lord shall come we shall be ready for His appearing and not be ashamed at His coming. Are you ready? May God help you, and may God bless you.

CHAPTER FIVE

No single country of all countries of the world has been so much in the public eye, so much in the news, the past months and years as the land of Palestine. This land is known by a variety of names. One of the most common names we hear it called over the air and in the newspapers is the Holy Land, or the Promised Land.

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This is the land which God promised to Abraham and to his seed as an everlasting possession, and even though it has been in the hands of the nations of the world for many, many centuries, God's covenant still defines it as the land which God promised to a particular, peculiar nation, the Nation of Israel, the descendants of the twelve tribes of Jacob. It is significant that it should be called the Holy Land, for the word, holy, has several meanings in Scripture. It does not, as some suppose, always mean holiness in character or conduct or walk. The word, holy, is also applied to inanimate objects. It is applied to the tabernacle, the vessels of the tabernacle, and to a large number of other things. We ourselves are called a holy people in our position, and because we are holy, separated unto God, He expects of us holiness in conduct. The word, holy, when applied to a land or to inanimate objects means that it has been set aside for a definite purpose. Now the Land of Palestine is the Holy Land because in His eternal purpose and program, God has set it aside for the one purpose of occupation by His peculiar people, the descendants of Jacob, and because it is God's Holy Land, anyone who tampers with God's Holy Land, and seeks to separate its people from their possession comes under the judgment of God. This is the record of history. We have a striking example of it in this chapter in Daniel which we are studying in these lectures where Belshazzar, the king, stretched forth his hand and touched the holy things of God, the vessels that had been taken from the holy temple of Jerusalem in the land of Judah. As a result, God brought swift and speedy judgment upon the nation and Babylon fell and came to a dismal end. Today the same thing is still true in principle, and the Holy Land, that little parcel of land situated at the eastern end of the Mediterranean sea, is still the key to the world's problem. When the nation of that land to whom God has promised it by covenant is given full and free possession of this land, then only will the nations be at rest and the peace for which men strive shall finally be realized.

In recent years, there has been much indication of the fact that this is about to be consummated, and we believe that we are at the very threshold of that glorious time when Israel shall be fully restored to the land again and

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DIVIDING THE LAND

Then came probably the greatest mistake and the greatest error of all. Before we take up this tragic error, may I again say that we are not seeking in any way to be critical but only setting forth the teachings of the Word of God in the hope that it may come to the attention of those who are in a position to do something about it in order that God's plan which can never be ignored may be carried out. In seeking to quiet the unrest in the land, the Holy Land, and to put a stop to the continual fighting of Jews and Arabs, the proposal was put forward to divide the land into a number of divisions or states. And so just recently the proposal was again revived to divide the land and split it into three or four separate parts. The northern part was to be set aside for the Arabs; the small part in the south in Judea was to be for the descendants of Isaac, the Israelites, and then the other parts would be under the nation's control as a central federal government that should have jurisdiction over both parts. Oh, if the nations had only known what this proposal really means. It marks the beginning of one of the saddest periods of human history, and is an omen of the approaching end. The word of God is very, very clear that to divide the land, the Holy Land is to commit a crime that God will not permit to go unjudged. We remember what a protest went up from the Zionists all over the world and the strong denunciation from the people of Israel when this was first proposed. And the proposal has not in any way solved the problem but the difficulties, on the contrary, have only continued to increase and will increase until we give heed to the "Thus saith the Lord."

THE DOUBLE SIN

In Daniel, chapter three, the Lord tells us the reasons why He is going to judge the nations in the latter days, especially in the tribulation period, and He gives two, two very definite reasons for the coming of God's judgment upon the nations. Listen very carefully to Joel 3:2:

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehosaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my

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heritage (now note very, very carefully) Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted (or divided) my land."

Now note the two reasons why God says He is going to judge the nations in the end time. It is first, they have scattered my people among the nations. Second, they have parted or divided my land. And don't miss this. God says it is MY land and He is referring to the land of Palestine which we know usually as the Holy Land. The first sin, many of the nations have committed by persecuting God's people, and we have seen them go down one after another for God's Word cannot be broken. The second great error, and we are praying that God will open the eyes of the leaders of the nations and cause them to repent and enjoy the blessing of the Lord, the second of these sins is the proposal to divide, to partition, the land of Palestine. Or turn if you will, to Daniel Chapter 11. Here, in describing the act of the anti-christ, we read this:

"Thus shall he (that is, the antichrist) do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and SHALL DIVIDE THE LAND for gain." Daniel 11:39

And then follows the description of God's judgment upon the man of sin and his ruin because of this particular sin. All this, please note, follows immediately upon the statement that he shall divide the land for gain.

THE LAST STRAW

According to the clear teaching of the Word of God, the next event in the program of God is the catching away of the Church of the Lord Jesus. Then the man of sin, the antichrist, the anti-type of a Nimrod and Nebuchadnezzar and the Caesars will appear upon the scene. He will first of all promise the nation of Israel to restore them back again into their land, and when he has by deception gained their confidence, he is going to turn upon them in the midst of that tribulation period, and will repeat the sin of dividing the land of Palestine. And when he stretches out his hand to touch that which is

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holy, that which God called "My land", it will be the last straw, it will be the occasion for the coming of the judgment of Almighty God upon the man of sin and upon all his armies and upon all his program, and they shall be miserably destroyed at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and in great glory. It is well to remember this because it is taught in type as well as direct statement throughout all the Scripture. Just remember that Belshazzar who is a type of this coming man of sin made this great mistake of stretching forth his hand to touch the things which God had called holy.

Now we have taken a great deal of time and gone into considerable detail in order to set before you what we believe to be according to the Word of God the basic problem of the world today, and the only hope for the longed for and sought for peace for which man is striving. Israel is still God's chosen nation. That does not mean that they as individuals can be saved without the Lord Jesus Christ, but as a nation they are still God's chosen nation. Palestine, the Holy Land, is still God's chosen land, and there can be no peace in this world until the nation and the land according to God's purpose are again wholly united. Every peace effort, all of the wisdom of diplomats and endless bloodshed will never bring about a government which will assure lasting tranquillity and prosperity. Only as the nation is back in the land and the Messiah is their king, will the time come when they shall "beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and they shall learn war no more." The key to lasting peace is the land of Israel and the Israel of the land. The Lord has commanded us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. When Jerusalem is at peace the world will be at peace. Let us pray that the leaders of the nations may soon see that God is on the side of those that recognize His program. We believe that the wars that have been ravaging the world, and causing utter destruction of many of the nations and which have avowed to exterminate Israel and are seeking to conquer Palestine will ultimately be defeated. Soon the day will be here when the oppressors shall cease, and

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"Jesus shall reign where're the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more."

We have tried to set before you the program of God. May we again say that we have not in any way tried to enter into any political argument or set ourselves up as judges of what the nations are doing or to be critical in any destructive sense, but only to set before you what we believe from the very depths of our heart to be the inspired program of Almighty God with the firm conviction that until the nations of the world learn God's program and are willing to follow His formula for peace, there can be no lasting peace. Let us pray for our leaders, let us pray for our nation, let us pray for the nations of this world, that the time shall soon come when every knee shall bow to the Lord Jesus Christ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Then shall peace like a river cover the earth. Then shall Israel be at rest in her own land. Then shall the nations know war no more. Every man shall sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and the long hoped for, long prayed for, millennial age of peace will come when the nations shall be at rest and Christ shall have dominion over land and sea. God haste the day. In closing may we ask you, are you ready for that time? Very soon we believe, from all indications round about us, the Lord Jesus Christ will return and you will have to stand before Him personally to give an account of what you have done with Him. On whose side are you today? God help you. God bless you.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.
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To the exalted Prime Minister of Great Britain,

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Sir,

May Joy and Felicity always be your portion!

I write to you from the vale of tears, where the fumes of burned human flesh still contaminate the air we breathe and the spirits of the murdered, slaughtered and burned alive still call for vengeance against the nations of murderers.

When you, democratic nations, carried out God's commandment against Amalek, partly destroying and crippling this bloodthirsty nation, you have broken it only physically, but ideologically Nazi-Germany is still alive.

One thing, however, clouds our horizon.... We had great expectations and hoped greatly that when you, Sir, would attain to the Premiership, then there would be an end to the tragic Jewish exilement, which has lasted these 2000 years. We looked forward to your leadership, wishing you well and thinking that the English nation with her veneration for the Bible would assist us, a small remnant which survived the terrible massacres, to return to the land of our fathers. But this, apparently, is not to be....

Why was it necessary to send Commissions of Inquiry? Does not the land itself bear witness of its longing for us? More than 1800 years long Palestine had been in the hands of strangers, who turned it into a wilderness. These foreign invaders intentionally neglected the soil, proving, thereby, that it is not theirs! Or, does it prove that the soil refuses to ~~xxx~~ yield except to its own children?

Exalted Sir, the spirits of six million people innocently murdered plead with you to permit their surviving kin to enter ~~their~~ their own homeland - Palestine! May this appeal not remain unneeded.

And now, Sir, a small personal request.

All my relatives, wife, children, parents, brothers, sisters and distant relations, have been exterminated. I am left sick and brokenhearted.... But I have just one sister living in Palestine. I plead with you, Exalted Premier of Great Britain, to grant me the necessary permission to join this one relative of mine and to take with me the few belongings I have.

With sincerest blessings and prayers on behalf of His Majesty

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and the Royal family as well as for Your Government,

I remain,

profoundly respectful,

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To His Excellency, 921 46 31
The Secretary of State
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Napoleon, in his Memoirs,
states :-

"There was in Palestine
(including Transjordan) a mixed
population of 100.000 (one hundred
thousand) in the year 1799."

So much for the claim of
the 1.800.000 Palestine Arabs to
have been living there for 1300 years.

I appreciate, however, that

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there are overriding strategic
considerations.

Long life Britain!
Long life Judea!

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SECRETARY OF STATE.

Brigadier Mackeson has a Question down for Wednesday to ask the Colonial Secretary if His Majesty's Government intends, at an early date, to make the final decision regarding Palestine and to ask the House for a vote of confidence in order that His Majesty's Government may implement such a policy.

The Colonial Office propose to reply as follows, and ask for our concurrence:

"The Palestine Conference resumed on Monday, 27th January and His Majesty's Government must of course consider the outcome of its deliberations. The House may rest assured that there will be an opportunity for debate before any new policy is implemented."

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Dear Robertson,

You spoke to me this morning and asked me to obtain the Foreign Secretary's approval to the draft reply which you suggested for Brigadier Mackeson's question to the Colonial Secretary about Palestine. I have shown the Foreign Secretary the draft reply and he concurs in it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. P. E. C. HENNIKER

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The Secretary
The Foreign Office

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30 JAN

Sir,

In view of the news of renewed violence
in Palestine and the reports of directions given
to civilians, I am astonished that your
Dept is permitting elderly ladies to proceed
to Jerusalem, yet I know this to be the case.
I am hoping to get the matter raised
in Parliament but meanwhile address
you directly in the hopes that you
may prevent further responsibilities

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being thrust upon our troops and police.

Y am, Sir,

yours faithfully

P. J. G. G. G.

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Mr Alley:

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There is only one way
to solve the Palestine
problem - the way you did the
Irish problem. Don't now
you have talked long
enough - may be too long
so, I am a preacher & at
the same time a life long
friend of Britain.

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15 that it would bring curses
 and appalling luck on this
 country - well up to date all
 foresaw appears to be coming
 to pass - these people are
 sowing enmity for us throughout
 the world - with regard to their
 terrorist tactics, one looks
 on some of the things they have
 done with horror! - particularly
 blowing our soldiers, to whom
 all Jews throughout the world
 owe a debt of gratitude they
 can never repay; as if it had
 not been for the gallant stand
 this country made against Hitler
 every Jew throughout the world
 would have perished - The obvious
 thing to do, as Mr. Churchill says -
 is to hand this problem of
 Palestine to the United Nations

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The desire of the Government
to prevent "bloodshed" is very
commendable; but surely the
first consideration should be
given to our own Gallant
Soldiers & Police - surely we
as a nation have shed enough
blood to settle his quarrels
of the Shi fellow! - let them
do a bit of scrapping on
their own for a change - but
let us reserve our men and
money and strength on
putting this old Island
on her feet again. If the
Egyptians & Arabs had any
sense they would come to some
sort of terms with these

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150 people too. after all they are of the
Same Race + together, if they
only realized it, they could be
very prosperous! ~~together~~ However
they will, like all of us (who
have just passed through one
of the most terrible wars in
History!) have to learn their own
lesson by bitter experience -
Incidentally if one looks at
his matter from the Jew's point
of view - God promised that
Land to the Jews - Their Temple
or its foundations are there
what more natural, then that
they should at any cost try
to regain their "Promised Land".
So call them "Terrorists" - well we
were called "Terrorists" by Hitler.

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 Because we had to use them
 under ground tactics to gain
 our victory - it's all the
 Communist (but I don't) there
 doubted themselves because
 had to use "guerrilla" tactics
 up against a "big" army
 which was the only way to
 win the war. I don't know
 Ireland - Had they not made
 a mistake when they like
 the suggestion that this is
 the way to win and the
 people of Ireland are not
 actually are I am not Jewish
 like my Jewish friends I think

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16th brings the "Curse of 1946"
 on any country that tries to
 interfere with them! I don't
 do not agree with the Government
 in his opinion (When those two
 men held by the Terrorists) - it
 is making a man who was held + executed
 by them, the same as executed
 Terrorists. I don't see the difference -
 if our Government is misguided
 enough to hang this man, I
 believe his reaction of those
 people will be terrible - he
 will have them fighting in
 every country + making
 life hell for this country -
 God knows if that will be
 much worse! Anyway, I hope he
 will make a martyr of this
 man - I hope he will do

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the worst thing - save our
own people's lives + money
and hand the mandate
to the United Nations -
let the Jews + Arabs come
to their own terms + fight
out between themselves +
neither side have brought
the war to any end here in
the East. England, France
have borne the world's burden
alone too long! (W.S.) (C. K. S. S. S. S.)

PS
as the British Egyptian pact
remains in force the other 10/100
the obvious place for us to

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The Rt.Hon.Ernest Bevin
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Whitehall, S.W.1

Dear Sir,

This is to add my mite of thankfulness at hearing that you are standing out against partition of PALESTINE. Do please stand firm about this, and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

There is no moral justification for partition, and it is vital that our country should stand for morality and righteousness in this and in all matters of policy.

The promise to the Jews for a "National Home in Palestine without prejudice to the existing inhabitants" was fulfilled some time ago, when they became one-third of the population, and it was always made perfectly plain that this Home did not, and could not, mean a Jewish state in Palestine. Partition, even if the Arab world would ever agree to it -- which I think they will not -- would only be postponing and perpetuating the trouble, for increasing claims and increasing pressure would come from the Zionists as soon as they were in control in one small place.

Some of us who care about the future of the Jews as well as of the Arabs cannot conceive how the former can possibly think ~~that~~ they could even be safe (much less prosperous or happy) with enemies all round them, which is bound to be the position unless there can be real agreement ~~soon~~ between them and the Palestinian and other Arabs over this question. It might indeed prove the ~~the~~ final doom and tragedy of Jewry. They have been deliberately blind to this and other

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fundamental issues (such as the strength of Arab feeling and Arab resistance and the fact that Palestine is, and was, an Arab State), and have brought up their young on half-truths and wishful thinking which has led us to the present pass. They must be saved from their own folly.

I trust you will press hard for the "provincial autonomy" scheme, which seems the most hopeful of any yet broached, and that you will not have anything to do with partition.

I need hardly say, although I write ^{to} official newspaper of this Hospital, I express only an individual opinion, writing as one of the many people who have large numbers of both Arab and Jewish friends and are deeply interested in this problem and in its right solution.

Wishing you wisdom, strength and patience, and thanking you for all the fine work which you are doing, which I have greatly admired and rejoiced in,

Yours truly

Hilda Fox.

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Dear Sir. Re Palestine

I have already suggested as
below a way for this matter.

- (1) Set up a Tribunal of Valuers accustomed to conditions over there to determine what the land at present owned by arabs or others is worth, so the Jews could buy it.
- (2) In addition to that offer and indemnity to the Arab Leaders to encourage them to go beyond the Jordan, say 3 or 5 millions the Jews to find most of this (money might tempt)
- (3) Then as speedily as possible the Jewish leaders must set about setting up a Jewish state to manage their own affairs.

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Restoration of the Holy Land
Would not accomplish the
need. The land of Israel
promised to Abraham was
from the brook of Egypt to the
great river Euphrates (Gen¹⁵
11/18)
Tell them both (Arabs & Jews) that
you are going to proceed on
these lines.

Pray for the peace of
Jerusalem

Yours truly
Septed Northcott

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Mr. F. Beren
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The Hornsey of the Future.

BRICKS FOR THE BUILDERS FROM THE BIBLE.

It was a stroke of real genius that prepared a picture of their future city for these fortunate children. Now they have something to work for; an ideal to which they can dedicate their time and talents. They will, however, be still more fortunate if their teacher has made them to realise that the City of their Dreams does not consist simply of stone and brick, however scientifically or artistically built, but must also have good men and women as its citizens. Ultimately, it is character, not mortar, that holds a community together, and no set of plans can help us better there than the Bible. A Bible concordance will show how many references there

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"Let every man take heed how he buildeth" (1 Cor. 3, 10)

are to building, building materials, and, above all, to builders. One chief reason is that the Bible deals with the making of character, and that it is a matter of good foundations, good materials, and steady building. Here, then, are a few building bricks from the Bible.

THE KEEPER OF THE CITY.

“ Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain ” (Psalm 127, 1).

THE FOUNDATIONS.

Jesus said, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it" (Matt. 7, 24-27).

THE MATERIALS.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" (1 Cor. 3, 11-14).

THE CITY BEYOND THE CITY.

"By faith Abraham . . . looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God"
(Heb. 11, 10).

THE ETERNAL CITY.

“ And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it ” (Rev. 21, 22-24).

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Secretary, T.L.P.

Mt. Her. Ernest Bern P.P.

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Dear Sir, With reference to my letter and enclosure to you of 23 Jan., if the Jewish leaders would agree to make it imperative (as the Mosiac law commands) that there should be pilgrimages to Palestine to meet the thrice-yearly festivals, there would be no stress on immigration into Palestine, and Europe would not lose a number of people who are very valuable for their mental and spiritual gifts in rebuilding civilisation.

The Mosiac law of God (which Our Saviour accepted and kept) does not command the Jews to live

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in Palestine.

Also the resulting tourist traffic and transport would
increase employment).

I hope this will be helpful

All best wishes and very sincerely,

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P.S. I have written suggesting the same thing to Jamal Hussein

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Dear Chancery,

We enclose a copy of a telegram
addressed to *M. Levin* ~~letter~~

by Reverend Frederick Reising

Please send a suitable
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Yours ever,
Eastern Department.

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of Helios Lourdes

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Yours ever,

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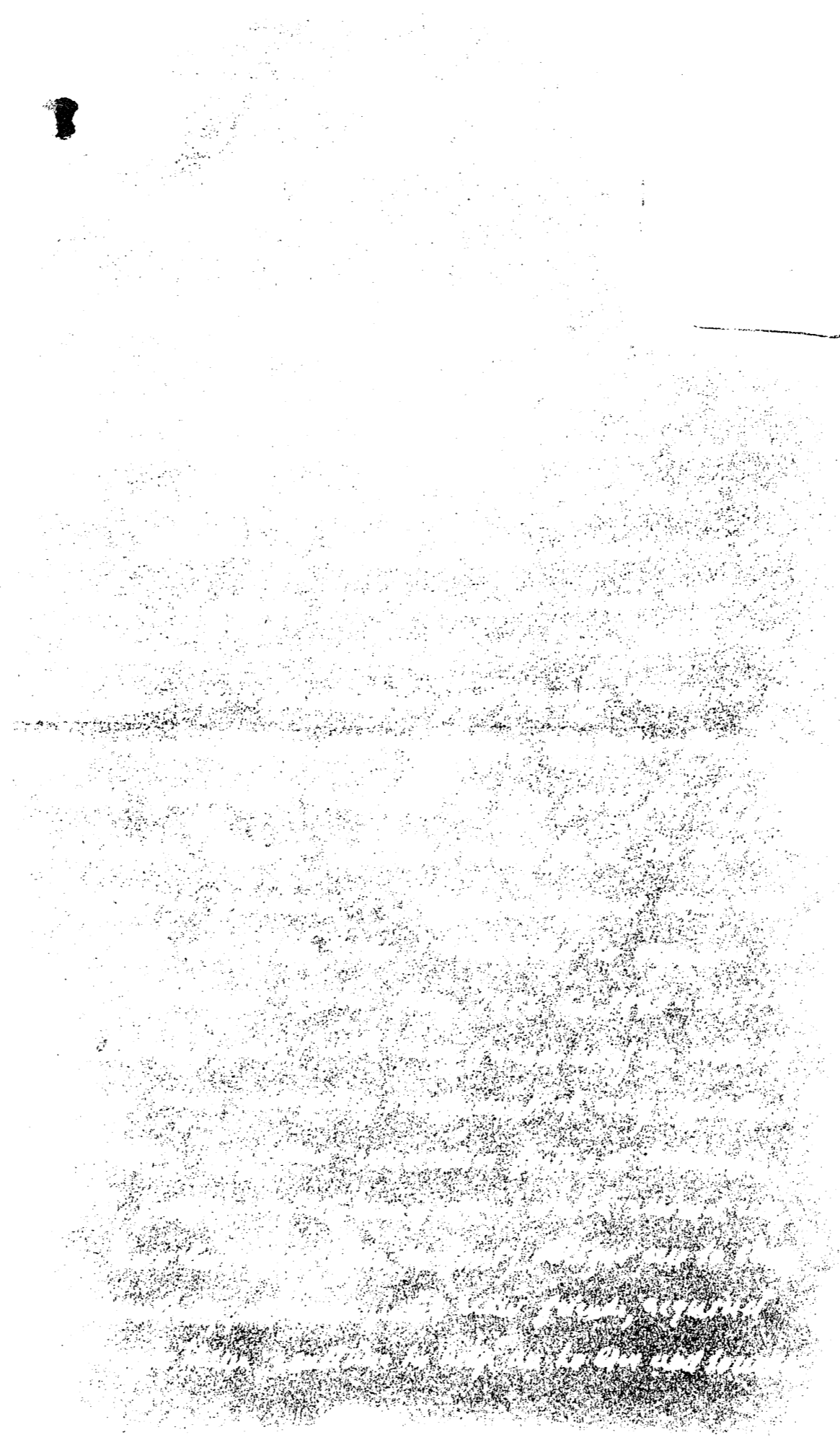
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(Print.)		<div style="text-align: center;"> No. 570, paragraph 3. I see Mr. Lewis Jones of the U.S. Embassy almost daily, and give him a reasonably full account of developments. This he telegraphs to the State Department, and his telegrams presumably reach Mr. Acheson. </div>	
(How disposed of.)		<div style="text-align: center;"> I think we should keep our own Embassy in Washington as well informed, but at rather longer intervals. I will submit a draft to them after this afternoon's meeting with the Arabs. </div>	
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel

No. 570.

January 28th, 1947.

D. 9.25 p.m. January 28th, 1947.

R. 2.20 a.m. January 29th, 1947.

JJJ

IMPORTANT

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LIGHT

Your telegram No. 786.

Palestine situation.

When I saw Acheson yesterday on another matter, he produced spontaneously a memorandum embodying his recollections of what he had said to me on January 21st about Palestine. (See my telegram No. 599). The text is contained in my immediately following telegram. It differs in some slight respects from the record I sent to you. Acheson recognised this and excused himself, apologising also for the "flatness" of the memorandum.

2. I took this opportunity to speak in the sense of your paragraph 2 and I grumbled that we had had no answers to the many communications we had made to his department about advertisements. He said that the question of tax exemption was now under discussion with the Treasury and that we would receive an answer soon. I think that I moved him a little about the unpleasant possibilities that might be in store for the United States Government when the Palestine question went to the United Nations. He said that he would see what could be done, but generally speaking the line he took was much the same as that taken by Mr. Byrnes on January 4th (see my telegram No. 43 of January 4th).

3. Acheson asked that he should be kept currently informed of the progress of the London talks.

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R. 4.00 a.m. 29th January 1947.

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IMPORTANT.

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LIGHT.

My immediately preceding telegram.

Text of memorandum is as follows.

[Begins].

The American Government, for domestic and other reasons, would find it easier to support in the United Nations and elsewhere the solution of the Palestine problem calling for partition and the setting up of a viable Jewish state than any other solution at present under consideration.

2. In case the British Government after careful study and further discussion should come to the conclusion that the partition solution would be unworkable and if it should be successful in working out in consultation with Arabs and Jews a solution, which in its opinion could successfully be put into effect, lying somewhere between the partition plan and the Morrison-Grady Cantonisation plan, the American Government would be disposed to give such a solution its support.

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3. It would be somewhat difficult in view of the attitude of the American public for the American Government to give support to the Cantonisation plan as proposed by Morrison-Grady. It would be much more difficult for it to support any solution which does not provide for the entry in the near future into Palestine of at least 100,000 displaced European Jews and for Jewish immigration at a reasonable rate thereafter. It is assumed that the British Government understands that the American Government could not participate in the carrying out of any solution by armed force. The President is planning in the near future to recommend to Congress the enactment of legislation which would permit immigration into the United States of a substantial number of displaced persons in Europe. Such legislation, if enacted, should make it clear to both Arabs and Jews that the United States is prepared on its part to accept an appropriate share of Jewish displaced persons.

4. Since the British Government has special knowledge derived from its many years' administration of Palestine and since it is engaging in direct conversations with Arabs and Jews, it should be in a better position than any other Government to sense the kind of solution of the Palestine problem which has the best possibility of success. Furthermore, it will bear the primary responsibility for

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putting into actual operation any plan for Palestine which might be adopted. It would seem, therefore, that the decision as to the solution of the Palestine problem must rest with the British Government.

5. The American Government, while realising that the British Government alone can decide the course which it should follow, would regret any decision of the British Government to turn the mandate over to the General Assembly without recommendations. Such a course might well lead to much confusion and violence in Palestine and elsewhere in the Near East.

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